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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-New)

DATE: 12/2/65

FROM : SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; \$3,000,000 Play  
Boy Club Reported to be  
Erected in Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin area  
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On 11/17/65 Detective [redacted] Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee PD, advised SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that he learned on 10/27/65 that [redacted] was in the process of [redacted] which thereafter [redacted] at a rental of \$1,500 per month.

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Thereafter [redacted] will reportedly work at a new \$3,000,000 Play Boy Club which is being erected in the area of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and will act as [redacted]

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*McGuire*  
It is noted that [redacted] on 11/15/65 reported that [redacted] mentioned that FRANK BALISTRIERI was interested in starting a Play Boy Club in the Milwaukee area.

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It is also noted that [redacted] has in the past been mentioned by FRANK BALISTRIERI as his compare.

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*McGuire*  
It is believed that inquiry should be made in the Lake Geneva area to identify this new Play Boy Club and the individuals who are financing and managing the operation for the purpose of determining whether this is a hoodlum enterprise. Therefore, it is recommended a new 92 case be opened.

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UNSUB, Three Million Dollar  
(Title) ~~playboy Club under construction~~  
Lake Geneva, Wis  
(File No.)

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1. Map - Lak Geneva Playboy Club

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Disposition:

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Date Received

12/22/66

From (a)

[Redacted]

(Name of contributor)

Walworth County S.O.

(Address of contributor)

By

[Redacted]

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ( )

No (X)

Description:

Map - Lake Geneva  
Playboy Club

File No.

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**ITEMS (S)**

**CANNOT**

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**SCANNED**

DESCRIPTION

Large Map

As a Charter Site-seer, you'll dig...

[redacted] (himself) initiating the big blast.

- Bunnies abundant, to direct you to the fun fare.
- The hole-in-one contest (prizes, naturally) on the site of the 18-hole championship golf-course-to-be.
- Skeet shooting.
- Summer-turned-winter antics on the ski hill.
- Helicopter rides.
- Horseback rides and hay rides.
- Sky diving.
- Jeep tours.
- Just plain loafing.

And you'll dig into a luncheon of broiled sirloin steaks served on French bread, potato salad, sweet corn (Wisconsin style), cole slaw, and iced watermelon.

When that great thirst moves you, there will be beer, chilled wine, iced tea, fruit punch, soft drinks - and some not so soft.

Festivities begin at noon. Dress casually, of course. Please get your RSVP in the mail no later than Monday, August 15, using the

card and envelope provided, and you'll receive your special admission key by return mail.

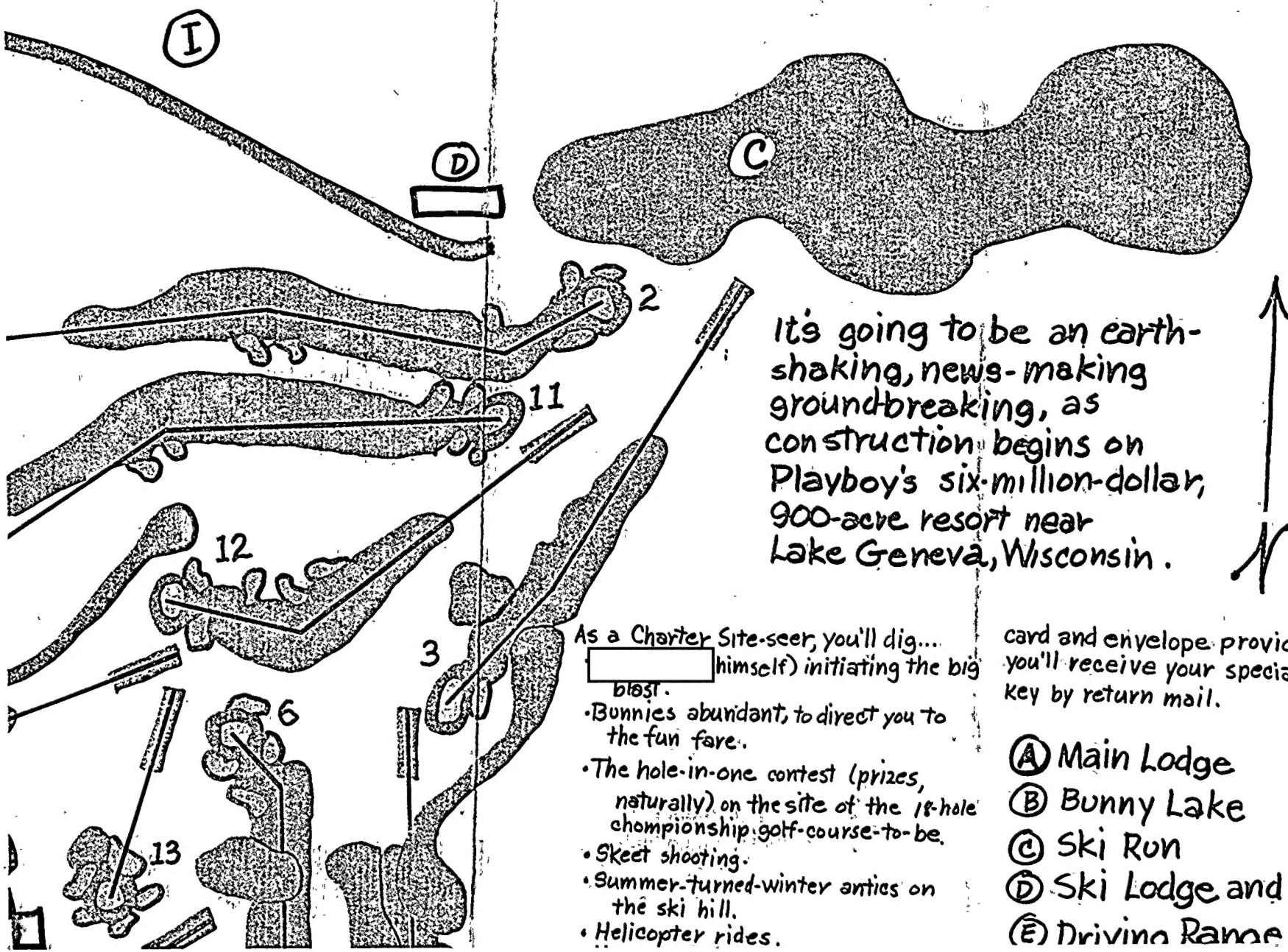
- Ⓐ Main Lodge
- Ⓑ Bunny Lake
- Ⓒ Ski Run
- Ⓓ Ski Lodge and Shop
- Ⓔ Driving Range and

Putting Green

- Ⓕ Clubhouse and Pro Shop
- Ⓖ Championship tennis cou
- Ⓗ Riding Stables
- Ⓘ Skeet Ranges
- Ⓣ Theater

PLEASE NOTE: The map shows how to get there if you're driving. Bus transportation will be provided for Chicago guests. Buses will leave for Lake Geneva from the Playboy Club, 116 East Walton, at 10 A.M. sharp; buses will leave Lake Geneva for Chicago at 5 P.M.





It's going to be an earth-shaking, news-making groundbreaking, as construction begins on Playboy's six-million-dollar, 900-acre resort near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

- As a Charter Site-seer, you'll dig...  
[redacted] himself) initiating the big  
blast.
- Bunnies abundant, to direct you to the fun fare.
  - The hole-in-one contest (prizes, naturally) on the site of the 18-hole championship golf-course-to-be.
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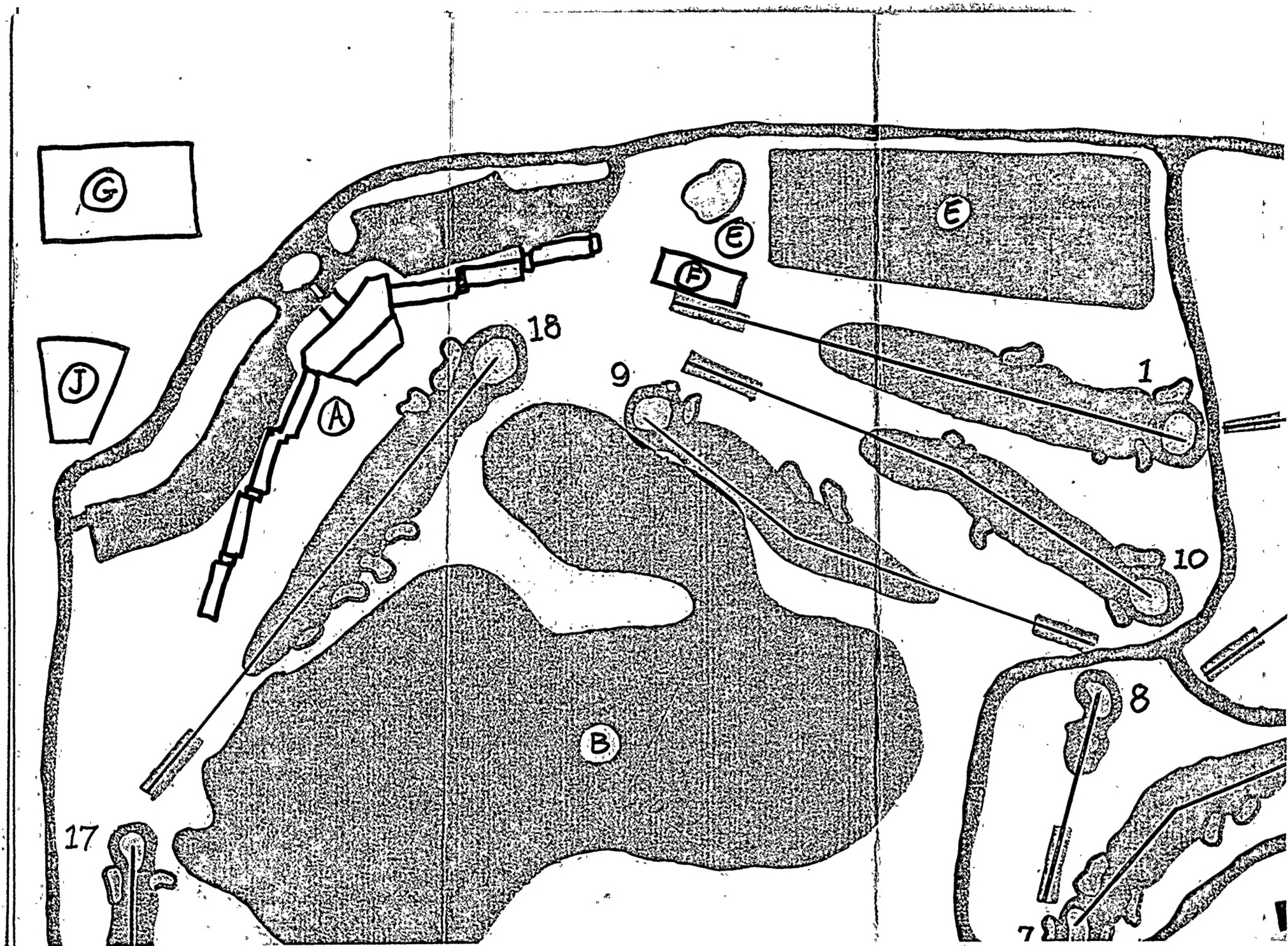
- Ⓐ Main Lodge
- Ⓑ Bunny Lake
- Ⓒ Ski Run
- Ⓓ Ski Lodge and Shop
- Ⓔ Driving Range and



You are invited to swing with us  
at a "do" in the sun...

# PLAYBOY'S PREVIEW PARTY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1966, Noon until five a  
THE LAKE GENEVA PLAYBOY CLUB





SAC, CHICAGO

1/31/66

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592) P

UNSUBS: \$3,000,000 Play Boy  
Club, Reported to Be Erected  
in Lake Geneva, Wis. Area  
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For information of Chicago, on 11/17/65, Detective [redacted]  
[redacted] Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee PD, advised SA  
ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that he learned on 10/27/65 that [redacted]  
[redacted] was in the process of [redacted]  
which thereafter [redacted]  
at a rental of \$1,500 per month. Thereafter, [redacted]  
will reportedly work at a new \$3,000,000 Play Boy Club,  
which is being erected in the area of Lake Geneva, Wis.,  
and he will act as [redacted]

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It was further noted that [redacted] on 11/15/65 reported  
that [redacted] mentioned that FRANK BALISTRIERI  
was interested in starting a Play Boy Club in the Milwaukee  
area, and that [redacted] has in the past been mentioned by  
BALISTRIERI his "compare."

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On 12/16/65 [redacted] Walworth  
County Sheriff's Office, advised that the construction of the  
\$3,000,000 Play Boy Club at Lake Geneva is being handled by  
[redacted] and one [redacted]  
[redacted] probably owns the property on which the club is to  
be operated. [redacted] stated that the property is located  
on [redacted] near Knob Hill, just north of the city  
of Lake Geneva. He further advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] is  
also involved with [redacted] in this deal, and both men are fine  
[redacted] with good reputations, and it would be most unlikely  
for either of them to be involved in any kind of a shady  
deal.

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On 1/21/66 [redacted] was  
contacted relative to any information he might be able or  
willing to furnish relative to the backers of the \$3,000,000 Play  
Boy Club at Lake Geneva. He stated that he has had very little

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2 - Chicago (RM)  
2 - Milwaukee  
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cc: [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

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to do with this planning, stating that [redacted] who is presently on vacation, is handling most of the legal work. He stated that club, as far as he knows, is to be rented by the Play Boy Enterprises, Inc., and this same group also put up a club in Jamaica and other locations within the continental United States. He stated he believes this corporation is [redacted] but insofar as he can tell, there is no question relative to this man's integrity or honesty, particularly in the area of criminal associations.

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[redacted] stated that the property on which the Play Boy Club will be operated was an old ski hill, and [redacted] is representing several mechanic's lien holders who have interest in this property, and who will get a share of the proceeds of the sale of the property to Play Boy Enterprises, Inc.

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[redacted] stated that inasmuch as he is not directly related to this business, he could furnish no other information but suggested that the identities of those involved in the transaction could be obtained by conducting investigation relative to the corporate papers of Play Boy Enterprises, Inc.

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[redacted] stated he believes this organization is incorporated either in the city of Chicago or the state of Illinois.

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LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine officers of PlayBoy Enterprises, Inc., and thereafter conduct credit and arrest checks, if appropriate, for the purpose of advising Milwaukee of any criminal background relative to the planners of the club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

DATE: 3/17/66

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;  
\$3,000,000.00 Play  
Boy Club Reported to  
be Erected in Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin Area  
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Re Milwaukee letter to Chicago, dated 1/31/66.

~~For the information of the Milwaukee Division,~~  
the proposed club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin is another of  
the many clubs being operated by Play Boy Clubs International,  
Incorporated. This corporation has as its main function the  
operation of a string of supper clubs throughout the United  
States. The first was opened in Chicago, Illinois, approximately  
ten years ago, and since that date some ten to twelve other  
clubs have been opened in principal cities throughout the  
United States as well as Jamaica and London, England.

Additionally this corporation publishes the "Play  
Boy" magazine, a nationally known monthly periodical.

~~Prior investigation has indicated the officers~~  
of this club to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Additionally  
one of the [REDACTED] is one [REDACTED] who has been know  
to be one of the prime operators of the corporation.

[REDACTED] has been interviewed on numerous occasions  
by agents of the Chicago Division concerning reported hoodlum  
interest in several of the Play Boy clubs. [REDACTED] has denied  
each and every allegation and contends that hoodlums have no  
interest in any portion of the Play Boy operation. Most  
prominently mentioned as having an interest in the Play Boy  
Club is Chicago top hoodlum, ROSS PRIMO, whose Attendent Service

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2- Springfield  
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Company provides the girls who operate the hat check concessions and doormen at the Chicago and Los Angeles Play Boy Clubs.

*Profile*  
For the information of the Springfield Office, Milwaukee has received information to the effect that a new Play Boy Club is to be erected in the area of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Information received by Milwaukee indicates there is a possibility that Milwaukee top hoodlum, FRANK BALISTRIERI might have a financial interest in this new club.

LEAD

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will review records at the Secretary of State's Office and obtain a current list of the officers of Play Boy Clubs International, Incorporated, and furnish same to Milwaukee Division.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592) P  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
\$3,000,000 Play Boy Club  
Reported to be Erected in  
Lake Geneva, Wis. area  
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ReCGlot to MI 3/17/66.

For the information of the Springfield Division, no other information developed by the Milwaukee Division indicating hoodlum interest in captioned Play Boy Club.

On 3/25/66, [redacted] Walworth Co. SO, Elkhorn, Wis., advised that he has heard nothing concerning a possible hoodlum interest in the proposed Play Boy Club. [redacted] stated he is personally acquainted with [redacted]

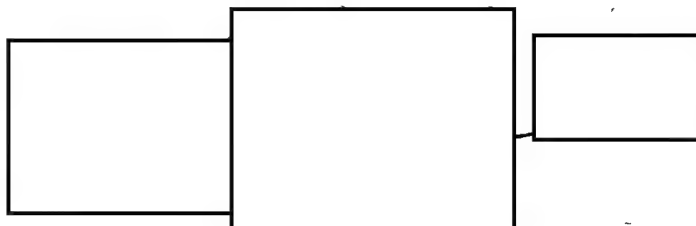
[redacted] who are handling the business dealings concerning this club, and stated he considered them to be very fine individuals who would not be associated in any enterprise in which the hoodlum element was involved.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

Will report results of investigation to determine officers of Play Boy Clubs International Inc.

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Date: 4/26/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-885) - RUC -  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
\$3,000,000 Play Boy Club  
Reported to be Erected in  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Area  
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Re Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 3/17/66  
and Milwaukee airtel to Springfield dated 3/30/66.

The following investigation was conducted at  
Springfield, Illinois, by SA [redacted] on 4/22/66.

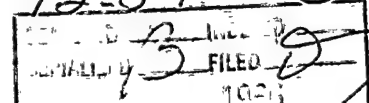
[redacted] Corporation Division, Secretary of States Office, furnished a copy of the annual report for 1966 to Secretary of State, PAUL POWELL, on 2/7/66 by Play Boy Clubs International, Inc., file number F1347-910.

The report shows the registered agent to be  
CT Corporation System, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago,  
Illinois.

The corporation is under the laws of the State  
of Delaware, and the officer executing the report is [redacted]  
[redacted]

The character of the business is described as the  
operation and franchising of restaurants, clubs, and hotels  
and performing various services for them.

- ② - Milwaukee (92-592)  
1 - Chicago (92-2102)(Info)  
1 - Springfield (92-885)  
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Approved: [signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [redacted]

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SI 92-885

The officers and directors of the corporation  
are listed as follows:



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; \$3,000,000 Playboy Club,  
Reported To Be Erected In Lake  
Geneva, Wisconsin Area  
AR

DATE: 5/1/66

Re Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated March 17, 1966,  
furnishing some background information concerning the Playboy  
Club located in Chicago, Illinois.

Additional information developed concerning captioned  
matter was furnished to SA [redacted] and is as follows:

On April 22, 1966, [redacted]

The "Abbey" is a well-known hotel from which [redacted]  
the well-known midnight radio broadcaster, broadcasts his programs  
on occasion during the year.

*The source*  
PCI stated that the Playboy Club intends to build there  
in order to take advantage of the potential in that area and to  
afford a place for people from large cities to visit in connection  
with their vacations inasmuch as the Lake Geneva area is a popular  
year-round resort area. In connection with expansion of the Playboy  
System in the midwest, [redacted]

*The source*  
PCI stated that in the past the Playboy Club has attempted  
to take over [redacted]

2 - Milwaukee  
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Give more thorough attention

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*the informant*  
PCI stated [redacted]

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[redacted] ROSS PRIO as head of Attendant Service Corporation, Zenith Vending Corporation.

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It has been reported that the Playboy Club pays a tribute of \$1,500.00 a month to ROSS PRIO.

~~PCI advised that~~ [redacted]

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*The informant stated*  
~~PCI stated that in connection with the proposed building~~ [redacted]

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*speculate*  
In the event Milwaukee is in need of specific information concerning the Playboy Club, same should be requested of the Chicago Division inasmuch as it appears PCI is in a position to obtain some pertinent information.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>5/31/66</b> <i>W</i>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/15/65 - 5/12/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUBS; \$3,000,000 Play Boy Club. Reported to be Erected in Lake Geneva, Wis.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>b6 p b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCES

Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated 1/31/66;  
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 3/17/66;  
 Milwaukee letter to Springfield dated 3/30/66;  
 Springfield letter to Milwaukee dated 4/26/66;  
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 5/1/66.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Leads are not presently being set forth for interview of  inasmuch as Detective  a Walworth County Sheriff's Office Detective advised on 3/30/65 that  is an unusual individual, somewhat eccentric and unusually secretive about the nature of his work. Interview of  will be considered for the future, if such interview is at that time deemed appropriate and likely to be productive.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE:  3 - Bureau (Encls. 3) (RM) 1 - USA; Milwaukee (RM) 3 - Chicago (RM) (2-92-2102) (1-92-466) ④ - Milwaukee (3-92-592) (1-92-542)		92-592-8 ROUTE TO <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> READ FOR ACCURACY... MARK INDEXING AND INITIAL..... DATE.....	b6 b7C
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report			
Agency			
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Date Fwd.			
How Fwd.			
By			

MI 92-592

MI T-2. identified under "Informants" as [REDACTED]

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The investigative period is extensive. This is the result of the necessity of including informant information in instant report obtained prior to opening of this case.

INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

MI T-1 is identified as

Instant report.

MI T-2 is identified as

Instant report.

PCI [REDACTED]

contacted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

MI T-3 is identified as

Instant report.

ENCLOSURES

FOR THE BUREAU: Three copies of LHM characterizing informants in this report.

LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will recontact [REDACTED] to determine  
if [REDACTED]

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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1. Will recontact [ ] and also contact [ ]  
[ ] for any new information on [ ] plans and  
other information pertaining to progress of the proposed  
PlayBoy Club at Lake Geneva or Fontana, Wis.

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2. Will contact other appropriate sources in this regard.

AT LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Will attempt to determine if renovation of the Stone  
Manor is possibly for use as a Play Boy Club.

AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

1. Will locate to interview [ ] regarding  
history of property, and any pending transactions relating  
thereto, on which the proposed Play Boy Club is supposed to  
be built.

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2. Will maintain contact with law enforcement officials  
and other sources for progress of plans.

3. Will contact [ ]  
for any information she may have regarding planned Play Boy  
Clubs.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee (RM)

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: May 31, 1966.

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-592

Bureau File No.:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; \$3,000,000 Play Boy  
Club Reported to be Erected in Lake Geneva, Wis.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Investigation predicated on information furnished by  
Milwaukee PD. 11/17/65. relative to plans of [REDACTED]b6  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is identified by Milwaukee hoodlum leader FRANK BALISTRERI as his "Compare" and also his interest in starting a Play Boy Club. Results of investigation at Elkhorn set forth identifying attorneys handling land for the proposed club. Investigation at Chicago and Springfield sets forth officers of Play Boy Clubs International and possible links to hoodlum element in Chicago. Information furnished by MI T-2 reflects [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Details: This investigation is predicated upon information obtained from Detective [REDACTED] Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Dept. on November 17, 1965.

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b7CAT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On November 17, 1965 Detective [REDACTED] advised SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that he learned on October 27, 1965 that [REDACTED] was in the process of [REDACTED] which thereafter [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for \$1500 per month.

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[redacted] is thereafter to work at a new \$3,000,000 Play Boy Club to be erected at Lake Geneva, Wis. He will act as [redacted]

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On November 15, 1965 MI T-1 advised that one [redacted] had been heard to mention that FRANK BALISTRERI is interested in starting a Play Boy Club in the Milwaukee area. It was noted that BALISTRERI has in the past referred to [redacted] as his "Compare".

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AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

On January 21, 1966 [redacted] was contacted relative to any information he might be able or willing to furnish relative to the backers of the \$3,000,000 Play Boy Club at Lake Geneva. He stated that he has had very little to do with this planning, stating that [redacted] who is presently on vacation, is handling most of the legal work. He stated that club, as far as he knows, is to be rented by the Play Boy Enterprises, Inc., and this same group also put up a club in Jamaica and other locations within the continental United States. He stated he believes this corporation is [redacted] but insofar as he can tell, there is no question relative to this man's integrity or honesty, particularly in the area of criminal associations.

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[redacted] stated he believes this organization is incorporated either in the city of Chicago or the State of Illinois.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

By communication dated March 17, 1966 the Chicago Division of the FBI advised that the proposed club at Lake Geneva, Wis. is another of the many clubs being operated by Play Boy Clubs International, Inc.

MI 92-592

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Additionally this corporation publishes the Playboy Magazine, a nationally known monthly periodical.

Prior investigation has indicated the officers of this club to be [REDACTED]

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Additionally one of the [REDACTED] is one [REDACTED] who has been know to be one of the prime operators of the corporation.

[REDACTED] has been interviewed on numerous occasions by agents of the Chicago Division concerning reported hoodlum interest in several of the Play Boy clubs. [REDACTED] has denied each and every report and contends that hoodlums have no interest in any portion of the Play Boy operation. Most prominently mentioned as having an interest in the Play Boy Club is Chicago top hoodlum, ROSS PRIO, whose Attendent Service Company provides the girls who operate the hat check concessions and doormen at the Chicago and Los Angeles Play Boy Clubs.

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#### AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

On March 25, 1966 [REDACTED] Walworth County Sheriff's Office, Elkhorn, Wis., advised that he has heard nothing concerning a possible hoodlum interest in the proposed Play Boy Club. [REDACTED] stated he is personally acquainted with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who are handling the business dealings concerning this club, and stated he considered them to be very fine individuals who would not be associated in any enterprise in which the hoodlum element was involved.

#### AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On April 22, 1966 [REDACTED] Corporation Division, Secretary of States Office, furnished a copy of the annual report for 1966 to Secretary of State, PAUL POWELL on February 7, 1966 by Play Boy Clubs International, Inc., file number F1347-910.

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The report shows the registered agent to be CT Corporation System, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

The corporation is under the laws of the State of Delaware, and the officer executing the report is [REDACTED]

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The character of the business is described as the operation and franchising of restaurants, clubs, and hotels and performing various services for them.

The officers and directors of the corporation are listed as follows:

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AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

On April 21, 1966 [REDACTED] Walworth County Sheriff's Office, advised SA [REDACTED] that no information has come to his attention which would reflect any progress in terms of plans or buildings for the proposed Play Boy Clubs at Walworth County.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 22, 1966 MI T-2 advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The "Abbey" is a well-known hotel from which [REDACTED] the well-known midnight radio broadcaster, broadcasts his programs on occasion during the year.

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The source stated that the Playboy Club intends to build there in order to take advantage of the potential in that area and to afford a place for people from large cities to visit in connection with their vacations inasmuch as the Lake Geneva area is a popular year-round resort area. In connection with expansion of the Playboy System in the midwest,

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The source stated that in the past the Playboy Club has attempted to take over [REDACTED]

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The informant stated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ROSS PRIO as head of Attendant Service Corp., Zenith Vending Corporation.

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It has been reported that the Playboy Club pays a tribute of \$1,500.00 a month to ROSS PRIO.

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The informant advised that in connection with the building of the proposed club, [REDACTED]

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AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

On numerous occasions in 1965 and 1966 MI T-3 has reported the presence in Williams Bay, Wis. of ROSS PRIO. This source has observed there with PRIO various other persons and attorneys including [REDACTED] JOE "CEASAR" DI VARCO, VINCENT SOLANO, [REDACTED]

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[redacted] and attorneys  
[redacted] who in the past have represented PRIO in  
various business dealings.

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This source advises that PRIO visits with one [redacted]

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[redacted] PRIO has conducted business of an  
unknown nature in the home of [redacted]

This source pointed out that [redacted]

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AT FONTANA, WISCONSIN

On May 12, 1966 an attempt to contact [redacted]  
at [redacted] was negative due to [redacted]  
absence from the community for a period of one week.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
May 31, 1966

Title	UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; \$3,000,000 Play Boy Club Reported to be Erected in Lake Geneva, Wis.
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED] at Milwaukee, dated and captioned as above.

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All sources whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Attempts to contact [redacted]

[redacted] Williams Bay, on 4/28,  
5/19, 6/3, 6/5 and 6/6/66 were negative. Attempts to contact  
[redacted] on 6/13/66 were likewise negative.

On 6/13/66 [redacted] retold the following  
regarding his contacts with ROSS PRIO Sr:

About three years ago one [redacted] of [redacted]  
[redacted] who is known to be a close associate of ROSS PRIO [redacted]

[redacted] and expressed interest in "the QUINN place." He  
advised he had "a couple of customers" who he did not identify,  
but always referred to this individual as "he," "he wants"  
this, or "he doesn't want" the other. The customer wanted  
front property. Conversation was carried on, but [redacted]  
finally requested that the mysterious customer be brought in.  
A few days later, PRIO came with [redacted] about 4:30 PM, and  
advised that he did not want anything real big, that he was  
selling "a co-op" on Chicago's North Shore, apparently an  
apartment co-op, and wanted some vacation property.

After their discussions [redacted] and PRIO  
stopped in at [redacted] house for some Italian wine, and cheese  
and conversation at that time reflected that PRIO at one time  
may have owned a farm in Walworth County. The conversation

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was ended, and an appointment for breakfast at the Abbey was scheduled the following morning. PRIO stayed at [redacted] for dinner that night.

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[redacted] who claimed [redacted] in the beginning, advised that his contact with PRIO at the motel caused a great deal of talk that the Abbey was being controlled by the syndicate. Speculation was also put forth that the meeting related to a huge luxury hotel on the lake front, and that the Chicago syndicate was building it.

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PRIO had heard this talk and made inquiry of [redacted] and PRIO as to who was supposed to put up the money for the hotel. [redacted] replied that he, PRIO, would know more about that, and PRIO denied any knowledge of hoodlum backing for the hotel, and knew nothing about it.

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Sometime during the course of the meeting with PRIO, [redacted] met [redacted] and he told [redacted] he had a customer for his property. [redacted] surmised who the customer was and made a big fuss intimating he would never rent or sell to PRIO.

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A house that [redacted] liked was finally uncovered in Williams Bay, but PRIO wanted to trade the "Prlo estates" at Coral Gables, Florida on this property. The property owned by [redacted] was of Jerome Robert Cerny style, but [redacted] was not interested in a trade it was later determined.

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A few days after this [redacted] and [redacted] PRIO met at the [redacted] house and discussed the furnishing in the home. While conversing in the game room, [redacted] asked [redacted]

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PRIO turned to her and advised sternly "I'm the one who's buying this house, you'll take what I want to buy!" The conversation ended with PRIO's telling [redacted] to advise [redacted] that he, PRIO, is "just a little ole' wine maker from Chicago" who needs a good deal.

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The asking price was \$85,000, but [redacted] would have taken less on a cash deal. He was not interested in the Florida trade, and PRIO was not interested without the trade.

PRIO also expressed interest in the [redacted] property which was held by the Beverly Hills Savings and Loan Association in Chicago. The syndicate was involved in that institution when it folded. [redacted] stated that to his knowledge, PRIO never did buy and to this date does not own property on Lake Geneva.

It is noted that [redacted] has advised that PRIO is [redacted] when he visits there on weekends, quite frequently since [redacted] [redacted] advised his only contact with [redacted] [redacted] was of the nature already described by [redacted]

In reference to Chicago files 92-2102 and 92-465, MI file 92-592, [redacted] contacted 6/6 and 6/13/66 advised that the proposed Playboy Club at Lake Geneva is supposed to be ready by 1968, but that ground was just broken for some kind of lagoon there. She advised there has been a great deal of speculation relative to backing of this club, but there has been no concrete information indicating any syndicate influence.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT WILLIAMS DAY, WISCONSIN

Will continue attempts to contact [redacted]

AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

Will re-check tax roll in attempt to identify property which PRIO may have built in Walworth County.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

FROM : *JM* SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Three Million Dollar  
Playboy Club Reported  
to be Erected in  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin  
AR

DATE: 7/19/66

OO: Milwaukee

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 5/31/66  
requesting Chicago to recontact PCI [redacted]  
could furnish additional information regarding prospective  
Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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On June 28, 1966, PCI *MIT-2* [redacted] advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] that the Playboy Club reportedly is planning to  
build a structure on or near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and will

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On June 28, 1966, *source* PCI heard that [redacted]

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*same* On July 11, 1966, *the same source* PCI [redacted] had not  
heard additional information concerning the proposed  
Playboy Club.

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The July 12, 1966, issue of the Chicago "Sun-Times",  
in Kup's Column, ~~authorized~~ by IRVING KUPCINET who gives news  
and social briefs, stated that HUGH HEFFNER had recently  
returned from the grand opening of one of his clubs in  
London which was a great success and that ground breaking  
will take place on his new club at Lake Geneva in August.

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In the event additional information is received from PCI [ ] concerning captioned interest, same will be furnished office of origin.

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
AUGUST 31, 1966

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
Three Million Dollar Playboy Club  
Reported to be Constructed at Lake  
Geneva, Wisconsin, August 26, 1966

ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of the informants used in this report:

MI T-2 is a source, who, [redacted]  
[redacted] has gained knowledge of the Playboy Club organization.

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MI T-4 is an individual associated with the entertainment business in Southeastern Wisconsin.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED UNSUB; THREE MILLION DOLLAR PLAYBOY CLUB REPORTED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN, 8/26/66</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted] b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

Title is marked changed to reflect date on which construction of Playboy Club begins, and to changed words "erected in" to "constructed at".

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/31/66, at Milwaukee; Chicago letter to Milwaukee, dated 7/19/66.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

Two (2) copies of LHM characterizing informants in this report.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Investigative period overlaps that of the last report to include informant information developed by another agent, but not available to writing agent until after completion of last report.

Informants

MI T-4 is identified as PCI [redacted] contacted by Special Agents CHARLES F. AHERN and [redacted]

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MI T-2 is identified as PCI [redacted] contacted by [redacted].

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will furnish results of re-contact with [redacted] and [redacted]

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At Lake Geneva, Wisconsin:

Will maintain contact with appropriate law enforcement officers, and other sources.

At Elkhorn, Wisconsin:

Will obtain tax descriptions and other matters of public record regarding transfer of land on which club is to be built.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois:

Conduct credit and criminal indices on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: AUGUST 30, 1966

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 92-592

Bureau File #: 92-9304

Title: UNSUB; THREE MILLION DOLLAR  
PLAYBOY CLUB REPORTED TO BE  
CONSTRUCTED AT LAKE GENEVA,  
WISCONSIN, 8/26/66

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Confidential source contacted on 6/28/66 and 7/11/66, and  
advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Source at Lake Geneva advised on 7/26/66 that money placed in escrow by Playboy Club at Lake Geneva in local bank, over-all investment to be five or six million dollars. Club to be a resort with various sporting facilities. Walworth County Sheriff's Office received cheap novelty gifts from Playboy Enterprises on 8/8/66. Sender of gifts and reason not identified.

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DETAILS: AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

On May 18, 1966, MI T-4 advised that the planned Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, has been finalized, and that construction was to begin in late summer or early autumn.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

On June 28, 1966, MI T-2 advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that the Playboy Club reportedly is planning to  
build a structure on or near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and  
[REDACTED]

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On June 28, 1966, MI T-2 heard that [REDACTED]

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The July 12, 1966, issue of the Chicago "Sun-Times" in Kup's Column, authorized by IRVING KUPCINET who gives news and social briefs, stated that HUGH HEFFNER had recently returned from the grand opening of one of his clubs in London which was a great success and that ground breaking will take place on his new club at Lake Geneva in August.

In the event additional information is received from MI T-2 concerning captioned interest, same will be furnished office of origin.

AT LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN:

On July 26, 1966, Acting Chief of Police, SYD GRAHLER, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, advised he has learned that the purchase of land for the Playboy Club finally amounted to 400 acres. Ground breaking ceremonies were to be scheduled for August 26, 1966. GRAHLER suggested talking to [REDACTED] of the Lake Geneva Regional News, who has been in contact with, and therefore, familiar with representatives of the Playboy Club.

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On July 26, 1966, [REDACTED] Lake Geneva Regional News, advised that he has stayed close to the Playboy operation at Lake Geneva because it is his job as a [REDACTED] but also because of doubts which some people have had about the character of the institution being planned for Lake Geneva.

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In spite of this suspicious alertness, [REDACTED] advised he has been unable to find anything wrong with the planned Club, and feels it will eventually greatly benefit Lake Geneva, if it all materializes as planned.

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It is to be more of a resort than a "Bunny Club" and will encompass many varieties of in-door and outdoor recreation.

Playboy Enterprises has maintained money in escrow at the Citizens National Bank of Lake Geneva, as an expression of sincerity and good faith in actually carrying out its dated plans.

The Club, according to [ ] is to be a subsidiary of Playboy International, and will include a lodge to be constructed in four or five separate units, convention facilities, a ski hill, an 18-hole golf course, and a 35-acre man-made lake.

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[ ] stated his contract has been almost totally with [ ]

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[ ] of Playboy, Inc. [ ] a meeting of the Association of Commerce at Lake Geneva sometime last fall. [ ] last spring for a Shrine dinner. [ ] the operation will total out to a five to six million dollar investment, ground breaking for which will begin on August 26, 1966, at a large ceremony.

[ ] stated he has personal doubts that this will occur on schedule, but that the 400 to 500-acre land purchase has already been made.

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AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN:

On August 8, 1966, [ ] Walworth County Sheriff's Office, advised that he and the entire detective bureau of Sheriff's Office, received by name shoe box size gifts wrapped in red paper, approximately from the Playboy Club Enterprises. No individual was identified as being responsible for sending the gifts. Contents were various,

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inexpensive gag items, such as metal back scratcher, huge sunglasses, and other cheap novelties, of which bore the marking of the Playboy Bunny; along with this was an announcement of a preview part for August 26, 1966 at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

On August 18, 1966. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] property  
sold to the Playboy Club, advised he knew little of the  
[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592) P

DATE: 9/7/66

FROM : SA CARLYLE N. REED

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Three Million Dollar  
Playboy Club Reported to be  
Constructed at Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin, 8/26/66  
AR

OO: Milwaukee

Rerep SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, 5/31/66.

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On August 1 and 2, 1966, SA CARLYLE N. REED con-  
tacted informants as indicated below concerning this matter.  
The results of the contacts are as follows:

On August 1, 1966 [REDACTED] advised that to the  
best of his knowledge [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is doing nothing at the present time.  
Informant had no information regarding any interest on the  
part of [REDACTED] FRANK BALISTRIERI in a proposed Playboy  
Club on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a friend of FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Several weeks ago informant was told by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and FRANK BALISTRIERI had  
considered [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Informant had nothing further definite con-  
cerning these talked about plans by [REDACTED] FRANK  
BALISTRIERI. Informant noted that [REDACTED]

On August 2, 1966 [REDACTED] advised that he has  
no information regarding [REDACTED] having any interest in a pro-  
posed Playboy Club on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Informant has

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heard rumors that [REDACTED]

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The developers are legitimate operators.

[REDACTED] who is a friend of FRANK BALISTRERI. has

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Caution should be exercised in any reporting or other dissemination of the above information or use of same during the course of interviews, which might in any way compromise the identity of either one of these valuable informants for the Milwaukee Division.

SAC, CHICAGO (92-466)

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-142)(RUC)

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
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OO: Chicago

Reference Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated 6/28/66.

On 8/18/66 [redacted] Walworth County Tax Assessor's Office, advised she could locate no record reflecting the name of ROSS PRIO.

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On 7/5/66, [redacted] Williams Bay, Wisconsin, advised that about [redacted] he believes [redacted]

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About that time [redacted] PRIO expressed interest in purchase of property on Lake Geneva, but nothing came of it according to the best information available to [redacted]

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He stated [redacted] within the last couple of years [redacted] to the PRIOS who spend frequent weekends there.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

FROM : *JVM* SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; \$3,000,000  
PLAYBOY CLUB REPORTED TO  
BE CONSTRUCTED AT  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN  
8/26/66  
AR  
(OO: Milwaukee)

DATE: September 16, 1966

The following is being furnished for information of the Milwaukee Office concerning captioned matter:

On September 1, 1966, [redacted] was contacted concerning her possible development as a PCI in view of [redacted]

*Admin*

[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT that [redacted]

[redacted] a leading Chicago hoodlum named FIORE BUCCIERI [redacted] owns a home in Williams Bay, which information is known to the Milwaukee Office.

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[redacted] ~~stated that she has heard~~ that the Playboy Club to be erected on the lake is to be controlled by the hoodlum element in view of their financial interests in same. She stated that an individual who might know something of the operation of this club is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592) (P)

DATE: 9/28/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; \$3,000,000  
PLAYBOY CLUB REPORTED TO  
BE CONSTRUCTED AT  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN,  
8/26/66;  
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OO: MILWAUKEE

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on 9/3/66:

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While being contacted upon a Civil Rights matter  
at the request of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that he had attempted to contact  
attorneys [REDACTED] on the Civil  
Rights matter, and they had refused to see him. He stated  
that he wanted to let the FBI know that [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] are connected with the Mafia outfit, and with  
Chicago outfit. He stated that [REDACTED] was going to  
Las Vegas at the end of the month, but he did not state  
how he knew this or the purpose of his visit.

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In addition, he stated that when he [REDACTED] had  
first been arrested in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were going to be his attorneys; however, later  
on a minor attorney [REDACTED] showed up and handled his  
matter.

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After he had been faced with a large bond, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] showed up and was going to help him raise the bond.  
During his discussions with [REDACTED] he said that the boys  
in Chicago wanted the John Doe cut out, and they would pro-  
vide any necessary money or girls for the purpose of  
corrupting [REDACTED] or any other officials necessary.

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It is noted that the above information is not new to the Milwaukee Office; however, [ ] stated that the Playboy Club, which is to be constructed at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, is financed by Syndicate money from Chicago. He declined to furnish any information as to how he knew this, and it appeared as though it were an assumption on his part. He stated that the whole set-up was a method to throw gambling money into legal operations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Three Million Dollar  
Playboy Club Reported To Be  
Constructed At Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin, 8/26/66  
AR

DATE: 10/4/66

(OO: Milwaukee)

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 8/31/66  
at Milwaukee requesting Chicago to conduct credit and  
criminal concerning [redacted]

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Chicago indices are negative concerning  
[redacted]

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3 Records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc.  
were caused to be reviewed by IC [redacted] on  
September 14, 1966, and failed to reflect information  
concerning [redacted]

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4 Records of the Bureau of Records and Communications  
Chicago Police Department, were caused to be reviewed  
by IC [redacted] on September 21, 1966. No records was  
located for [redacted]

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On September 22, 1966, PCI [redacted]  
[redacted] advised SA [redacted] THAT she is aware of  
the identity of [redacted]  
[redacted] however, she knows nothing derogatory  
concerning him.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>10/31/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/1/66 - 10/12/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>UNSUBS; \$3,000,000 Play Boy Club Reported to be Erected in Lake Geneva, Wis., 8/26/66</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>rab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR</b>	b6 b7C

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] at Milwaukee, 8/31/66.  
Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 9/16/66.  
Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 10/4/66.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2): Two copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in instant report.

LEADSCHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will maintain contact with logical sources.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Will maintain contact with logical sources.

At Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Will interview [redacted]  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

MI T-1 is [redacted]  
contacted by SA CARLYLE  
N. REED

MI T-2 is identified as [redacted]  
[redacted] contacted  
by SA [redacted]

MI T-5 is [redacted] contacted  
by SA CARLYLE N. REED

MI T-6 is identified as [redacted]  
[redacted] contacted  
by SAs [redacted] and PAUL  
B. FRANKFURT

LOCATION

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigative period overlaps that of last report to  
include investigation not available to writing agent at time of  
preparation of last report.

MI T-6, identified as [redacted] was contacted  
on 9/1/66, at Chicago, Illinois, concerning her possible development  
as a PCI in view of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised SAs [redacted]

[redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT that [redacted]

[redacted] a leading Chicago hoodlum named FIORE BUCCIERI, [redacted] owns a

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home in Williams Bay, which information is known to the Milwaukee Office.

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For information of Chicago, the home of FIORE BUCCIERI is in Linn Township. It is noted that BUCCIERI's home in Linn, formerly in the name of [REDACTED] now carries the name of FIORE BUCCIERI on the mailbox as observed on 9/27/66.

Chicago indices are negative concerning [REDACTED]

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: OCTOBER 28, 1966

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-592

Bureau File No.: 92-9304

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; \$3,000,000 Play  
Boy Club Reported to be Erected  
in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin,  
August 26, 1966

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING.

Synopsis: Information developed regarding [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] set forth, reflects interests other than Play Boy  
Club, Lake Geneva, Wis. Confidential source advises  
of hoodlum interest in Play Boy Club, due to financial  
investment. No credit or criminal record located for  
[REDACTED]. Confidential source identifies as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] no adverse information. Ground-  
breaking ceremonies carried out on 8/26/66 and attended by  
several sheriff's officials and Walworth County prominents.  
Succession of land to Play Boy set forth. Investigation  
continuing.

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## DETAILS:



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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On August 1, 1966, MI T-1 advised that [redacted] b6  
[redacted] is presently doing nothing. He knew of no b7C  
interest on [redacted] or FRANK BALISTRERI's part in a proposed Playboy b7D  
Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] and BALISTRERI, according to MI T-1 are friends.

On August 2, 1966, MI T-5 advised he has no information b6  
regarding any interest on the part of [redacted] in a proposed Playboy b7C  
Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, [redacted] b7D  
[redacted]

[redacted] The developers are apparently legitimate.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On September 1, 1966, MI T-6 advised that he is in possession  
of information which would indicate that the Playboy Club to be erected  
on the lake is to be controlled by the hoodlum element in view of their  
financial interests in same. MI T-6 stated that an individual who  
might know something of the operation of this club is [redacted] b6  
[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] b7D

AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

On September 8, 1966, [redacted] b6  
Walworth County Sheriff's Office, advised SA [redacted] that ground b7C  
breaking ceremonies for the Playboy Club had taken place on August  
26, 1966. [redacted] stated that most of the Walworth County prominents  
were in attendance. He himself, along with several other officers,  
also attended.

Representing Playboy Inc. was [redacted] whom [redacted] b6  
described in unsavory terms as a "sissy," along with several "bunnies" b7C  
and lessor officials of Playboy Inc. Excellent food, liquor and beer  
was served free of charge to all present.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On September 13, 1966, MI T-5 was contacted with negative results.

On September 14, 1966, MI T-1 was contacted with negative results.

AT ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

On September 26, 1966, [redacted] Walworth County Sheriff's Office, advised that the land on which the Playboy Club is being built was: (Phonetic) [redacted] believed, [redacted]

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[redacted] of the [redacted] built a ski lodge on the property about four years ago. Someone failed to produce the necessary cash to start a ski lodge, however, (probably the [redacted] brothers) and the land remaining with [redacted] was eventually sold to the Playboy Club Enterprises.

[redacted] was at the ground-breaking ceremonies, but [redacted] is certain that he no longer has any financial interest in the property. The ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted at obvious great expense. [redacted] defended the Playboy Club as one of many being constructed the world over [redacted]

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc. were caused to be reviewed by IC [redacted] on September 14, 1966, and failed to reflect information concerning [redacted]

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Records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were caused to be reviewed by IC [redacted] on September 21, 1966. No record was located for [redacted]

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On September 22, 1966, MI T-2 advised awareness of the identity of [redacted], but knows of nothing derogatory about him.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On September 3, 1966, SAs [redacted] interviewed one [redacted] is a convicted armed robber of Chicago, Illinois origin. He stated that the Playboy Club being erected at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, is

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financed by "syndicate money" from Chicago. He declined to furnish information as to how he knew this, and appeared to be an assumption. His claim was, however, that the whole set-up was a method to throw gambling money into legal operations.

AT DELAVAN, WISCONSIN

On October 18, 1966, [redacted] b6  
[redacted] advised that he was instrumental in developing a land b7C  
package on which the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, was built.

[redacted] stated that a portion of the land was originally b6  
inherited by a name named [redacted] b7C  
[redacted]

[redacted] build a ski lodge on the property, b6  
which four years ago was purchased by a Ski and Recreation Corporation b7C  
of Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] was instrumental  
in obtaining the land for Ski and Recreation. Shortly after completion  
of the building of the ski lodge, the Ski and Recreation Corporation  
went bankrupt, and [redacted]  
along with [redacted].

Tax liens were also filed against the property by the  
United States Government. [redacted] eventually paid [redacted] in b6  
penalties rather than to go bankrupt as suggested to him by the b7C  
Federal Tax man.

While handling his affairs relative to this land, [redacted] b6  
by accident heard that the Playboy Club was interested in obtaining b7C  
land at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for a resort. [redacted] then  
contracted through one [redacted] telephone number  
[redacted] to put together a 1,000 acre package for the Playboy  
Club, which included his property and the ski lodge building.

[redacted] stated that all of his business dealings were b6  
conducted with [redacted] and that to his understanding all b7C  
financial backing for the resort was through Playboy Enterprises,  
[redacted]



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
October 28, 1966

Title	UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; \$3,000,000 Playboy Club Reported to be Erected in Lake Geneva, Wis., 8/26/66	b6 b7C
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING	
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED] at Milwaukee, dated and captioned as above.	

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

MI T-6

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>Milwaukee</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>Milwaukee</b>	DATE <b>12/13/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/14/66 - 11/28/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED UNSUB; Three Million Dollars Playboy Club Under Construction at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [redacted]	TYPED BY <b>kdb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR</b>	b6 b7C

Title marked "Changed" to reflect Playboy Club  
"under construction" rather than "to be constructed".

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] 10/31/66.

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ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of LHM characterizing informant  
in this report.

LEADS: CHICAGO DIVISION

At Oak Park, Illinois

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Will interview [redacted]  
regarding her knowledge of the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Will contact Sheriff ALEX JOHNSON re ground plan  
of the proposed Playboy Club.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigative period extensive and overlaps that  
of last report to include investigation conducted prior to  
preparation of last report, but not available for inclusion  
in that report.

INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

MI T-4 is identified as [redacted]  
[redacted] contacted by SA CHARLES F.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of:

Date:

SA [REDACTED]

12/13/66

Office:

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Field Office File #:

MI 92-592

Bureau File #:

92-9304

Title:

UNSUB; Three Million Dollars  
Playboy Club Under Construction at  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

MI T-4 advised Playboy Club at Lake Geneva under construction. Spot check made at construction site, Playboy Club, Lake Geneva, 10/18/66, which reflected ground preparation well under way. Attempts to contact [REDACTED] at Elkhorn on 11/16/66 proved negative. Walworth County Sheriff advised he will attempt to furnish ground plan for Playboy Club.

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DETAILS:

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On 9/14/66, MI T-4 advised that the new Playboy Club under construction at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, at a reported investment of \$5,000,000-\$6,000,000. He said a deceased friend, one HARRY PARAGLIS (Ph), was scheduled to manage this club for the Chicago owner as he had done at other Playboy Club locations, but death intervened. PG commented that this investment is considerable for Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, but surmised that the growing popularity as both a summer and winter resort is apparently expected to justify this investment.

At Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

On 10/18/66 a spot check was made of the construction site of the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Construction appeared to be well under way, but no observable buildings were as yet under construction. Operations appeared to relate largely to preliminary ground preparation.

At Elkhorn, Wisconsin

On 11/16/66, [redacted] Walworth County Sheriff's Office, advised that [redacted] is a resident of [redacted]. He stated that the [redacted] but that they are not in Walworth County during the daytime hours. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] business has been poor since the passing of the vacation season, and as a result, [redacted] has been tending to the business alone during the evening hours. [redacted] stated that [redacted] a [redacted] and may be in a position to know something about the Lake Geneva Playboy Club.

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On 11/16/66 a spot check of the [redacted] revealed it is locked up during the daylight hours, and guarded on the inside by a seemingly vicious dog.

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On 11/28/66 Sheriff ALEX JOHNSON, Walworth County Sheriff's Office, advised that he believes he can obtain a ground plan for the new Playboy Club and will furnish it if possible.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

December 13, 1966

Title      UNSUB; Three Million Dollar  
             Playboy Club Under Construction at  
             Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Character    ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference    Report of SA [redacted] dated  
             and captioned as above.

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File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
May 31, 1966

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
\$3,000,000 Play Boy Club  
Reported to be Erected in  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

MI T-1 is a person of hoodlum reputation and association in the Milwaukee area in a position to know.

MI T-2 is a person in the Chicago area in a position to learn of operations of certain organizations.

MI T-3 is a source having access to persons of hoodlum reputation in the Williams Bay area.

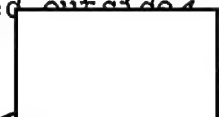
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
October 28, 1966

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
\$3,000,000 Play Boy  
Club Reported to be  
Erected in Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin, August 26, 1966  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants  
utilized in report of SA [ ] dated and captioned as  
above:

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MI T-1 is a person having hoodlum reputation  
and association.

MI T-2 is a person in a position to learn of  
operations of certain organizations.

MI T-5 is a person in contact with hoodlums and  
can furnish information regarding them.

MI T-6 is a person having knowledge of the  
operations of hoodlums.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

December 13, 1966

UNSUB; THREE MILLION DOLLAR  
PLAYBOY CLUB UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

III T-4 is an individual of Italian descent who  
has periodic contact with the Kenosha hoodlum element of  
which [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

DATE: 12/27/66

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; \$3,000,000 Playboy Club  
Reported to be Erected in Lake  
Geneva, Wisconsin, 8/26/66  
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Re reports of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee,  
dated 10/31/66 and 12/13/66.

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also 12/27/66*  
For information of the Milwaukee Office in con-  
nection with the lead for the Chicago Division set forth  
in referenced report dated 10/31/66, it is noted that PCI  
[redacted] who in the past reported information  
concerning instant matter, is no longer residing in the  
[redacted] area having moved to [redacted] approximately  
three months ago.

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PCI [redacted] was contacted on December  
16, 1966, and advised she did not have additional pertinent  
information to report concerning instant matter.

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*MI-1-7*  
On December 21, 1966, PCI [redacted] advised  
that she was aware that the playboy club was under construction  
at Lake Geneva, and that there were other interests in same  
in addition to Playboy, Incorporated, however, she could  
furnish no pertinent information concerning same. In future  
contacts with this PCI she will be questioned concerning the  
alleged hoodlum interest in same.

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Regarding Milwaukee's request to interview [redacted]  
[redacted] set forth in referenced report dated 12/13/66,  
it is noted on December 19, 1966, that [redacted]  
[redacted] advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] that her [redacted] is married to [redacted] and that they  
live in a relatives home at [redacted] about a five minute  
drive from the [redacted]  
operate. [redacted] stated she did not know the exact  
address of same, however, the telephone number is [redacted]  
in [redacted]

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*guy* { [redacted] appeared extremely concerned regarding the FBI's interest in wanting to talk to [redacted] and indicated she hoped the "kids" were not in trouble. She was told the FBI wanted to speak with [redacted] about someone she might know.

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*Admiral* { [redacted] is the wife of an [redacted] and Chicago references disclose that in 1960 [redacted] identical with the aforementioned [redacted] was one of several subjects in a 25- Case involving the making of illegal Selective Service cards. [redacted]

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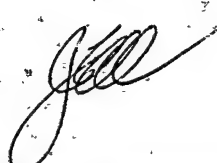
[redacted] It did appear that possibly [redacted] was concerned due to [redacted] past problem with the draft cards.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201  
January 24, 1967

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Three Million  
Dollar Playboy Club Under  
Construction at Lake Geneva  
Wisconsin  
ANTI - RACKETEERING

MI T-6 is identified as a person having knowledge of  
hoodlum operations in the Chicago area.

MI T-7 is identified as a person in a position to furnish  
items of information regarding hoodlum operations in  
Chicago.

  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>1/24/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/16/66 - 1/18/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUB; Three Million Dollar Playboy Club Under Construction at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [redacted]	TYPED BY <b>du</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee, 12/13/66;  
Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 12/27/66.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU:

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informants used in this report.

LEADSTHE CHICAGO DIVISION

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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At Chicago, Illinois:

Will furnish Milwaukee with any information regarding the Playboy Club resulting from interview with [REDACTED]

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Lake Geneva, Wisconsin:

[REDACTED] Will determine subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] and thereby get together with [REDACTED]

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INFORMANTS

MI T-6 is PCI [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Chicago.

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MI T-7 is PCI [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Chicago.

ADMINISTRATIVE

By communication dated 12/27/66, the Chicago Division advised that PCI [REDACTED] who in the past reported information is no longer residing in the [REDACTED] area having moved to [REDACTED]

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This communication advised further that [REDACTED] who is the wife of a Chicago [REDACTED] and the mother of [REDACTED] and contact of whom is set forth in details of instant report, disclosed that in [REDACTED] was the subject of a Selective Service System case involving the illegal making of Selective Service Cards. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who was reported to be upset in that a relative was contacted, due to [REDACTED] past problems with the draft cards, was instructed the FBI wanted to speak with [REDACTED] about someone she might know.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: January 24, 1967

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Playboy Club Under Construction at  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: MI T-6 unable to furnish additional information relative to Playboy Club at Chicago. MI T-7 advised that there are interests other than Playboy, Inc., involved in establishment being constructed at Lake Geneva, but source is unable to elaborate on this information.

[REDACTED] contacted at [REDACTED]  
furnished telephone number of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. On 12/20/66, [REDACTED]  
Hilton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised of individual registered at that hotel between December 5 and 19, 1966, employed as a recruiter for the Lake Geneva Playboy Club.

[REDACTED] stated he had checked with Playboy Internationnal at Chicago and disclosed that this individual not employed with Playboy Club. Sheriff, Walworth County Sheriff's Office, furnished map regarding Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by

SA [REDACTED]

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On December 16, 1966, MI T-6 advised that no additional pertinent information had become available concerning the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva.

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On December 19, 1966, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that her son [redacted] and that they are living in a relative's home in [redacted] about a five minute drive from the [redacted] stated that she does not know the exact address of the home; however, the telephone number is [redacted]

[redacted] appeared extremely concerned regarding the FBI's interest in talking with [redacted] and indicated she hoped "the kids were not in trouble."

On December 21, 1966, MI T-7 advised that the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, is currently under construction and had been told that there were other interests in the Playboy Club in addition to the Playboy, Inc. However, the informant was unable to furnish any specific information regarding this claim.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

On December 20, 1966, [redacted]

[redacted] Statler-Hilton Hotel, 26th and Wisconsin, Milwaukee, advised that an individual had registered with his hotel on December 5, 8, 15, and 19, 1966, using the name [redacted] gave an address of 1200 West State Street, Houston, Texas, which a credit check indicated was a fictitious address. He was driving a 1966 Cadillac with New Jersey license [redacted] and a check with New Jersey authorities indicated that this license was registered to [redacted]

[redacted] advised he had checked with the phone company and they had no listing for that name nor a phone at that address.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] claims to be a recruiter for Playboy Club being built in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. A check by [redacted] with Playboy International at Chicago, disclosed that they have no employee with the name of [redacted] He stated that [redacted] always pays cash and has a lot of money.

He described [redacted] as a [redacted] years, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] build, [redacted] hair, and dresses well.

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At Elkhorn, Wisconsin:

On December 22, 1966, Sheriff ALEX JOHNSON, Walworth County, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, furnished SA [redacted] a map of the Playboy Club under construction at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and which map being permanently retained in the Milwaukee Division of the FBI.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201  
January 24, 1967

## Title

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Three Million  
Dollar Playboy Club Under  
Construction at Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin

## Character

ANTI - RACKETEERING

## Reference

Report of SA [REDACTED]  
at Milwaukee, dated and  
captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592) (P)

DATE: 2/3/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; Three Million Dollar  
Playboy Club Under Construction  
at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Re rep SA [REDACTED] dated 1/24/67

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On 1/30/67 a review of captioned file reflected that all necessary background investigation has been conducted in this matter, and after contact of [REDACTED] as set forth in leads of captioned report case should be placed in a P\* status for a period of 3 months at which time the onset of spring will bring greater building activity and perhaps knowledge of the eventual organization of the proposed club.

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It is noted however that this investigation has been of ongoing interest to SA [REDACTED] who covers Walworth County, in which county this club is being constructed, and that he has further interest in above named [REDACTED] whom he wishes to explore as a potential informant relating to the PLAYBOY CLUB on its completion. It is noted that [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as this case is located in SA [REDACTED] territory, and inasmuch as SA [REDACTED] has had an ongoing interest in this case it is recommended that the case be assigned to SA [REDACTED]

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SA [redacted]

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On 3/3/67, [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted at her residence by SAs [redacted]  
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[REDACTED] it is felt that she is in an excellent position to furnish information of interest to the Bureau.

It is therefore recommended that a new [REDACTED] case be opened on her and assigned to SA [REDACTED] with SA [REDACTED] designated as alternate.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

DATE: 3/20/67

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Three Million Dollar  
Playboy Club Under  
Construction at Lake  
Geneva, Wisconsin  
AR

OO:MILWAUKEE

Re report of SA [REDACTED] at Milwaukee  
dated 1/24/67.

PCI [REDACTED] has been contacted on several  
occasions in February and March by SA [REDACTED]  
however, she has not been able to develop additional perti-  
nent information concerning the operation of captioned club.

In the event information is received from her  
concerning same, pertinent information learned will be sub-  
mitted to the Office of origin.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
MARCH 30, 1967

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREE MILLION  
DOLLAR PLAYBOY CLUB UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION AT LAKE GENEVA,  
WISCONSIN;  
ANTI - RACKETEERING

MI T-8 is a source having information relating to the [REDACTED]

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUB; THREE MILLION DOLLAR PLAYBOY CLUB UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>mks</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA  at Milwaukee dated 1/24/67.

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## ENCLOSURE

### TO BUREAU:

Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will review indices and conduct appropriate credit and criminal checks on [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] (phonetic), and [redacted] (phonetic); all individuals reported to have a [redacted] by PCI [redacted]

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Will also review indices and conduct credit and criminal on [redacted] (phonetic), an individual whom PCI [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

MI T-8 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] at Milwaukee Division.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

PCI [redacted] presently resides at [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: MARCH 30, 1967

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 92-592

Bureau File #: 92-9304

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREE MILLION DOLLAR  
PLAYBOY CLUB UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Walworth County Sheriff's Office, advised  
construction of Playboy Club proceeding at good pace.  
[REDACTED] also advised he had developed no information  
concerning syndicate interests, at this point. MI T-8  
advised has no knowledge of [REDACTED]

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## DETAILS:

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On February 14, 1967, [REDACTED]  
Walworth County Sheriff's Department, Elkhorn, Wisconsin,  
advised construction of the Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Playboy  
Club is proceeding at a good pace. [REDACTED]  
also advised he had developed no information concerning syn-  
dicate interests in the Club.

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On March 3, 1967, MI T-8 advised has no information

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
MARCH 30, 1967

Title	UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREE MILLION DOLLAR PLAYBOY CLUB UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN
Character	ANTI - RACKETEERING
Reference	Report of SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> at Milwaukee, dated and captioned as above.

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102)

5/23/67

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592) (P)

UNSUB; \$3,000,000 Playboy Club  
Under Construction at Lake Geneva,  
Wisconsin  
AR

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee,  
3/30/67.

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Contact with PCI [redacted] and local authorities  
concerning Playboy Club has developed no new information.

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Chicago is requested to forward results of  
investigation requested in re report.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;  
THREE MILLION DOLLAR  
PLAYBOY CLUB CONSTRUCTION  
AT LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN,  
AR

OO: MILWAUKEE

DATE: 5/31/67

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] dated March 30, 1967, at Milwaukee requesting Chicago to develop information concerning [redacted] regarding connections with the Playboy Club, Incorporated. In the past the Chicago Division has conducted extensive investigation into the possibility that the Playboy Club, Incorporated, was backed by Chicago hoodlums in view of the allegations and information received from informants and other sources of information. In the past, members of the hoodlum element frequented Playboy Clubs and in Chicago, girlfriends of hoodlum members were employed there. However, during the past year it appears that members of hoodlum element no longer frequent the Chicago Playboy Club with any regularity.

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In view of this interest and the FBI's interest in other Bureau violations, [redacted] has been interviewed on several occasions. [redacted] has appeared to be candid in these interviews and has dismissed bunnies who were associating with the hoodlum element, as well as being involved in other unsavory activities brought to his attention. [redacted] has denied being associated with the hoodlum element on any personal basis but has admitted to knowing same.

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Enclosed for the information of Milwaukee are nine copies of two FD-302s relating the most recent interview of [redacted] and his father dated January 11, 1966.

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*In 5/15/66 T-2 advised that*  
Concerning [redacted] PCI [redacted]  
[redacted] advised SA [redacted]

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~~on May 15, 1966, that~~ [redacted]

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On December 18, 1961, PCI *T-9* [redacted] advised SA [redacted] concerning [redacted] PCI [redacted] stated the [redacted]

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*T-9*  
PCI [redacted] advised that shortly after [redacted]  
[redacted]

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PCI [redacted] advised that ROSS PRIO the well-known Chicago north side hoodlum figure was alleged to have an interest in the Miami, Florida, area Playboy Club [redacted]

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Additional information concerning [redacted] is set forth in the FD-302 of the interview with [redacted] which is enclosed. Concerning [redacted] also known as, [redacted] born [redacted] in Iran, it is noted that [redacted]

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3 { [redacted] He has been a close hoodlum associate and involved in various financial ventures with the hoodlum element. He has been closely associated with MARSHALL CAIFANO and [redacted] well-known Chicago hoodlums. [redacted] and has various problems with law enforcement in addition to tax problems. He was [redacted]

In the past, [redacted] was a frequent visitor to the Playboy Club now; however, there is no indication that he is connected with same.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 26, 1967

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREE MILLION  
DOLLAR PLAYDOY CLUB UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION AT LAKE GENEVA,  
WISCONSIN;  
ANTI - RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants  
utilized in report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee, dated  
and captioned as above;

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MI T-2 is a person in a position to learn of  
operations of certain organizations.

MI T-4 is an individual of Italian descent who has  
periodic contact with the [redacted] hoodlum element [redacted]  
[redacted]

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MI T-7 is identified as a person in a position to  
furnish items of information regarding hoodlum operations in  
Chicago.

MI T-3 is a source having information relating to  
the [redacted]

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MI T-9 is characterized as an informant in the  
Chicago, Illinois, area in a position to furnish information  
concerning the [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>6/26/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/18/61 - 5/25/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>UNSUB; Three Million Dollar Playboy Club Under Construction at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [redacted]	TYPED BY <b>kdb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR</b>	b6 b7C

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee, 3/30/67.  
Chicago letters to Milwaukee, 3/20/67 and 5/31/67.  
Milwaukee letter to Chicago, 5/23/67.

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**ENCLOSURES:** TO BUREAU - Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

**INFORMANTS:** MI T-2 is PCI [redacted] **Contacted by SA** [redacted] **Division**  
[redacted] **of the Chicago**  
**MI T-4 is** [redacted] **Contacted by SA** [redacted] **Division**  
[redacted] **of the Milwaukee**

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MI T-7 is PCI [ ]

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MI T-8 is PCI [ ]

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Contacted by SA [ ]  
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Division

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Chicago Division

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report is extensive in order to include results of investigation conducted by the Chicago Division in previous years, which is relevant to this case.

The extended period of time between submission of this and the previous report is to be noted; however, this case has received continuous investigative attention and has been kept current through interoffice communication.

At this point, all logical investigation concerning the Lake Geneva Playboy operation has been completed, and appropriate background information has been reported. It is to be noted that the Chicago Division advised it has conducted extensive investigation into the possibility that the Playboy Club, Incorporated, was backed by Chicago hoodlums in view of the allegation and information received from informants and other sources of information. Other than the fact that the hoodlum element has frequented Playboy Clubs in the past, there is no concrete evidence available indicating that the clubs are backed by them.

It appears such is the case with the Lake Geneva Club. There have been several allegations of hoodlum influence, but no information substantiating these allegations has been developed, although there are indications that some members of the hoodlum element may be on friendly terms with one or more of the Playboy owners.

In view of the above and since the Lake Geneva Club is not scheduled to open until the latter part of the year, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status by the Milwaukee Division for six months. In the event pertinent information is developed during this period, the case will be re-opened and a report submitted.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee (RM)

Report of: SA [redacted]  
Date: 8/26/67

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 92-592

Bureau File #: 92-9304

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Three Million  
Dollar Playboy Club Under Construction  
at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

In 1961, T-9 advised [redacted]

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Information concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] a close associate of hoodlums, set  
out. Interviews of MORTON C. MORTON and  
[redacted] in which [redacted]  
denies hoodlum influence in Playboy  
operations, [redacted]  
set out. Lieutenant on Lake Geneva, Wisc.,  
PD advised Club scheduled to open 12/12/67.

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DETAILS:

On December 18, 1961, MI T-9 stated the [redacted]

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III T-9 advised that shortly after [REDACTED]

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III T-9 advised that ROSS PERI, the well-known Chicago north side hoodlum figure, was alleged to have an interest in the Miami, Florida, area Playboy Club. [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 13, 1966

MORTON C. MORTON, Morton Steak House, 5550 South Shore Drive, was contacted by SA's JOSEPH G. SHEA and LEONARD A. WOLF on January 11, 1966. MORTON advised that his original name was MORTON CONNER but that when he entered the restaurant business many years ago he legally changed his name to MORTON C. MORTON. He said that [redacted]

[redacted] are the sole owners of this restaurant. He said [redacted] works at the restaurant but is not an owner.

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MORTON said that [redacted] and [redacted] are the [redacted] Playboy Club chain. He said they started with an initial investment of \$7,600 each.

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MORTON advised that [redacted] is just an employee for the Playboy Club and has no interest in the business.

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MORTON stated that neither he nor [redacted] have any interest in the Morton House Restaurant in Morton Grove, Illinois.

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MORTON did not know FRANK BUCCIDRI, also known as FRANK BRUNO.

On 1/11/66 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1160

by SA JOSEPH G. SHEA and  
SA LEONARD A. WOLF/jec Date dictated 1/12/66

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 18, 1966

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] He said  
that [redacted]  
[redacted]

He said [redacted] which is now worth about  
fourteen million dollars. He said that [redacted] is  
presently living in [redacted] He said since gambling was legal  
in London, they were going to start gambling operations at  
their London Playboy Club within a few months. He advised  
that they had obtained the most respectable gambling firm in  
London to handle the gambling at the London Playboy Club.

[redacted] said that they have been very careful to stay  
clear of any hoodlum associations in their business, and that,  
buying liquor in the quantity that they do, this has not been  
easy. He said that they have stayed clear of Las Vegas in  
their operations just because of the hoodlum influence there.

[redacted] said that they have sold over 400,000 Playboy  
Club keys at a minimum price of \$25 and some at \$50. He said  
he had sold 100,000 keys in New York alone. He advised that  
it is this money which has allowed them to expand and open new  
facilities.

He said that they use only the most reputable food  
purveyors and that they buy all their meat for all of their  
clubs from [redacted] operated by one [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted] had formerly run the  
[redacted] on the Southside where he became  
acquainted with him. He said he had hired [redacted] to operate  
the [redacted] He said [redacted]  
the [redacted] for six or eight months but had  
recently returned to this country because [redacted]

[redacted] He said [redacted] presently  
is acting general manager of the [redacted] He said  
[redacted] is presently considering leaving the [redacted] organization  
and taking the franchise of the [redacted]

On 1/11/66 at Chicago, Illinois File # CA 32-1160

by SA JOSEPH G. SHEA and  
SA LEONARD A. WOLF/jee

Date dictated 1/12/66

[redacted] did not know of any hoodlum connections of [redacted] but said [redacted] is the type who would like the excitement of knowing and being friendly with well known hoodlums.

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[redacted] related the following story: [redacted] a known hoodlum, had been frequenting the Chicago Playboy Club and had been throwing [redacted] name around as if he was a close friend. [redacted] told [redacted] to keep [redacted] out of the club. Later [redacted] saw [redacted] having dinner with [redacted] at another club and [redacted] asked [redacted] about it. [redacted] replied, "Well, he's a nice guy."

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[redacted] said he heard of FRANK BUCCIARI and believed he was introduced to him on one occasion at the Chicago Playboy Club. He said that the former [redacted] at the [redacted] was [redacted] (phonetic) who reportedly was [redacted]. He said [redacted] was and may still be the [redacted] for [redacted] the well known [redacted]. He said [redacted] is presently the [redacted] for the [redacted]. He said [redacted] was a [redacted] by profession.

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[redacted] said he has never had any business connections with BUCCIARI and BUCCIARI had no interest in the [redacted]. [redacted] checked with [redacted] to determine if FRANK BUCCIARI, also known as FRANK BRUNO, was a member of any of the clubs. He advised that the only records they could locate was that a Christmas gift key had just been purchased for a FRANK BRUNO in New Jersey and a FRANK BRUNO in New York.

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On 5/15/66, MI T-2 advised that [redacted]

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The Chicago Division advised as follows:

[redacted] also known as [redacted] born [redacted] has been a close hoodlum associate and involved in various financial ventures with the hoodlum element. He has been closely associated with MARSHALL CALEANO and [redacted] well-known Chicago hoodlums. [redacted] is an [redacted] and has various problems with law enforcement in addition to tax problems. He was arrested by Bureau Agents in [redacted]

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In the past [redacted] was a frequent visitor to the Playboy Club; now, however, there is no indication that he is connected with same.

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MI T-7 advised on several occasions during February and March, 1967, that MI T-7 has been unable to develop any further information concerning the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva.

On 3/15/67, MI T-4 advised that construction of the Lake Geneva Playboy Club is progressing as scheduled, if not ahead of schedule.

On 4/11/67, [redacted] Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Police Department, advised that the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva was scheduled to open on 12/12/67. He also mentioned that the golf course presently under construction would cost approximately \$1,000,000.

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[redacted] also advised the Club and its various facilities would cover 1,000 acres in Lyons Township, Wisconsin.

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He said the land on which the club would be located starts approximately 100 feet from the city limits of Lake Geneva.

On 5/25/67, MI T-3 advised that some of the construction workers on the Playboy Club did not believe it would be finished on schedule.

MI T-3 mentioned that some of the Playboy Eunicea and officials may be coming to Lake Geneva in the near future to prepare for the opening.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 26, 1967

Title            UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Three Million  
Dollar Playboy Club Under Construction  
at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Character      ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference      Report of SA [redacted] at  
Milwaukee, dated and captioned as above. b6  
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

MI T-4

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE <b>UNSUB; Three Million Dollar Playboy Club Under Construction at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [redacted]	TYPED BY <b>els</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee dated 6/26/67 and  
 Kansas City letter to Bureau entitled '[redacted]  
 [redacted]', dated 1/18/68.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-8 is PCI [redacted]

Contacted by SA [redacted]  
 [redacted] of the Milwaukee  
 Division.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED: None

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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MI T-9 is [redacted]

Contacted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Milwaukee  
Division.

[redacted] an individual who is in  
a position to hear pertinent information  
regarding the Playboy Club.

MI T-10 is former [redacted]

Contacted by SA ROY L.  
TUSSEY of the Kansas City  
Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The extensive investigative period of this report  
is due to the fact this case has been maintained in a pending  
inactive status since the submission of the referenced  
report.

On 1/27/68 PCI [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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On 11/30/67 PCI [redacted] recalling informa-  
tion [redacted]

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Regarding referenced Kansas City letter to the Bureau,  
information set out in this communication to the affect that

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LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will contact available sources on BUCCIERE and PRIO  
in an effort to verify or corroborate the information furnished  
by [redacted] to the effect that they have financial  
interests in the Lake Geneva Club.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Will maintain contact with available sources.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: January 31, 1968

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File #: MI 92-592

Bureau File #: 92-9304

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Three Million Dollar Playboy  
Club Under Construction at  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Sources advise ROSS PRIO and FIFI BUCCIERE reportedly  
have financial interests in the Lake Geneva, Wisconsin  
Playboy Club.

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DETAILS: On July 28, 1967 MI T-8 advised that [REDACTED]

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On August 25, 1967 MI T-8 advised work on the Playboy Club, Lake Geneva is progressing steadily but that opening date has now been set back to March, 1968. MI T-8 advised a bartender from the Chicago, Illinois Playboy Club and several other officials had been visiting in Lake Geneva within the last month.

On September 11, 1967 MI T-8 advised several of the [REDACTED]

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On October 25, 1967 MI T-8 had no information to furnish regarding the Lake Geneva Playboy Club.

On November 27, 1967 MI T-9 advised that ROSS PRIO, Chicago, Illinois supposedly had a great deal of money invested in the Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Playboy Club.

On November 30, 1967 MI T-8 advised that the

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MI T-10 advised that ROSS PRIO and FIFI BUCCIERE own substantial interests in a Playboy Club located in Wisconsin and that when the Club opened some time during the middle of 1968, it would represent a considerable source of money for PRIO.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
January 31, 1968

Title            UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Three Million  
                 Dollar Playboy Club Under  
                 Construction at Lake Geneva,  
                 Wisconsin

Character       ANTI - RACKETEERING

Reference       Report of SA [REDACTED] at  
                 Milwaukee dated 1/31/68,  
                 captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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ROSS PRIO, aka  
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OO: Chicago

Re Milwaukee letter to Chicago, 11/30/67.  
Kansas City letter to Bureau, 1/13/68, captioned [redacted]  
[redacted] and Milwaukee airtel to Bureau,  
12/12/67.

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For the information of Chicago, [redacted]  
has furnished no further pertinent information regarding  
PRIO to date.

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Reference is made to re Kansas City letter to  
Bureau wherein information is set out regarding PRIO's  
alleged financial interest in the soon to be opened Lake  
Geneva Playboy Club. This is the first information from  
a knowledgeable source indicating hoodlum influence in the  
Lake Geneva Playboy Club. In the past, rumors have been  
circulated to the effect that the hoodlums have had an  
interest in the Club, but investigation failed to develop  
anything positive in this regard.

For further information of Chicago, [redacted]  
referred to in re Milwaukee letter to Chicago, 11/30/67, has  
left the [redacted] area, allegedly for the

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[redacted] One source, however, PCI [redacted] be-  
lieves that [redacted] is probably staying in Chicago, Illinois.  
[redacted] also stated that [redacted]

[redacted] He did not know if  
[redacted] was associated with PRIO in any way.

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4 - Milwaukee (92-142)  
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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Chicago is requested to contact available sources acquainted with PRIO in an effort to verify the information furnished by the Kansas City informant regarding PRIO's financial interest in the Playboy Club.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN

Will maintain contact with available sources regarding PRIO's activities.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-359444)

1/31/68

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

For the information of Chicago, attempts to contact [ ] at BUCCIARI's residence on 1/22 & 23/68 met with negative results. Prior to that, numerous attempts at pretext telephone calls were made and on all occasions subject failed to answer the phone.

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On 1/25/68, [ ] telephonically contacted the Kenosha, Wisconsin, RA and advised that she had obtained a credit file for the subject, dated 1/23/68. She said this file reflects his current address as [ ]

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[ ] She said he also listed [ ] for mailing purposes. She said his employment is listed as [ ]

[ ] She said the salary is listed as [ ] a month plus board.

[ ] said her file reflects his Social Security Number as [ ] and indicates he banks with Citizens National Bank, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where he has maintained a three figure checking account since July 31, 1957. She stated that her file also reflects an account with the South Shore Service Station, Highway 88, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and an account with Montgomery Ward in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, both noted as being satisfactory.

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[ ] also mentioned that her files contain a telephone number of [ ] for the subject and noted her

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file reflects he was single in 1952. It is to be noted that the above-listed telephone number is the number listed to [redacted] telephone directory.

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Chicago will submit FD-128, based on the above information and on the fact that subject has been contacted [redacted]

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It should be noted that, should the opportunity present itself, Milwaukee will contact [redacted] in order to assess his possible potential as a source [redacted]  
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SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102)

2/17/68

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)(P)

UNSUB;  
\$3,000,000 Playboy Club  
Under Construction at  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin  
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Re report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee,  
dated 1/31/68.

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On 2/13/68, [redacted] Walworth  
County Sheriff's Office, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, advised that one  
MAURICE J. MC CARTHY, JR., Route 1A3, Fontana, Wisconsin,  
telephone #275-2280, has been employed as Chief Security  
Officer for the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva.

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[redacted] mentioned MC CARTHY is  
described as a white male, DOB 3/18/11, and is a retired  
police officer from the Chicago, Illinois. PD. He also  
said MC CARTHY has been designated a Special Deputy by the  
Walworth County Sheriff.

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] both formerly of  
Chicago, are supposedly close friends of MC CARTHY. [redacted]  
[redacted] said he has no specific derogatory information  
regarding either, but has always felt [redacted] has a  
questionable character. He mentioned that [redacted] has  
openly claimed he is responsible for obtaining the Playboy  
job for MC CARTHY.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will check indices on MC CARTHY, [redacted]  
and [redacted] in an effort to determine if they  
have any hoodlum connections. If deemed  
adviseable, will also conduct credit and  
criminal checks on [redacted]

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2. Will also check with reliable police sources regarding the character of MC CARTHY, so that determination can be made as to his reliability as a possible source at the Playboy Club, noting that referenced report sets out information indicating that FIFI BUCCIERE and ROSS PRIO have substantial financial interest in the Club.

Investigation continuing at Milwaukee.

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1160)

2/28/68

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-278) (P)

FIORAVANTE DUCCHIERI, aka  
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 12/18/68; report of SA [redacted] titled, "\$3,000,000 Playboy Club Under Construction at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin," dated 1/31/68.

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Enclosed for info of Chicago is one aerial photo of DUCCHIERI's Lake Geneva residence. Photo has been appropriately labeled.

For info of Chicago, several attempts have been made, both personally and telephonically, to contact [redacted] with negative results. Milwaukee will continue efforts to contact [redacted] with a view towards his [redacted].

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On 12/18/67, THOMAS MC GREEVEY, Chief of Linn Township PD, advised he is a retired Chicago PD Officer. Chief MC GREEVEY said he is aware of the subject's status among the hoodlum element in Illinois and mentioned he has discussed the subject with members of the Chicago PD Intelligence Unit. The Chief said he met the subject several years ago through the former chief. He also said he usually checks the area in which his residence is located on routine patrol and would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in any way that he can be of help.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Noting info set out in re report re the subject's alleged financial interest in the Lake Geneva Playboy Club, will contact appropriate sources in an effort to substantiate or refute this info.

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Wednesday, February 28, 1968

# Playboy Club at Lake Geneva to Open with May Weekend Gala

The \$10 million Playboy Club-Hotel at Lake Geneva, will open formally Saturday, May 4, 1968, with a premiere weekend gala attended by civic and political leaders along with celebrities from the sports and entertainment worlds.

Proceeds of the two-day event will go to the American Cancer Society, Wisconsin Division.

The Midwest's newest resort

which includes year round sports activities on 1000 acres, represents Playboy's biggest undertaking. The 300 room resort complex becomes the firm's second such hotel venture. The other is in Jamaica.

In addition, Playboy operates 19 key clubs, including one in London and one in Montreal.

The emphasis at the Lake Geneva hotel will be on fun and games regardless of the season. One of the biggest attractions is a pair of championship golf courses. The first is 7,100 yards and was designed by Robert Bruce Harris. It is scheduled to open in mid-June. The other course, set for play in 1969, is designed by Jack Nicklaus and Peter Dye and measures 6,900 yards.

Other activities for keyholders and their guests include swimming, fishing, riding, skiing, tennis, ice skating, hiking, sailing, painting, photography, saunas, baths, movies and wining and dining in eight different locations. The Penhouse will feature name talent in shows presented twice nightly Friday and Saturday.

making system installed along with two chair lifts capable of carrying 1,900 skiers per hour. One of the lifts is enclosed, the first in the Midwest.

The 12,000 square foot ski lodge will contain a 150-seat restaurant as well as a retail shop and rental shop. The restaurant is built around a huge stone chimney with fireplace and sunken conversation area on one side and bar on the other.

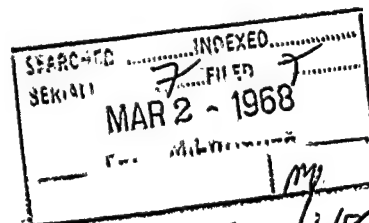
The resort also is providing banquet facilities with capacities of 360 for dinner and 510 for reception.

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— RACINE, Wisconsin

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Character: PLAYBOY CLUB,  
or LAKE GENEVA, WIS.  
Classification: 92-592  
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The main lodge will have a shopping arcade including stores devoted to men's clothing, gourmet food, sporting goods, gifts, imported items, sundries, plus an art gallery and a ladies boutique.

Design of the seven hotel buildings by architect Paul Magierek of Barrington, Ill., brings the Wisconsin landscape indoors by the use of glass, rough-sawn cedar and textured concrete and stone aggregate.

The 300 air conditioned rooms for guests are custom designed from the man's point of view.

The degree of luxury is, perhaps, best exemplified by the guest accommodations which run from double rooms to the Hugh M. Hefner Penthouse, which may be occupied for \$250 per day and comes complete with foyer, living room with fireplace, den with gaming table and wet bar, master bedroom with a round bed, built-in high fidelity stereo system and sunken bath. Hefner is the editor, publisher of the magazine which spawned the seemingly endless myriad of Playboy enterprises.

Lake Geneva Playboy cuisine, ranging from hot dogs in the rustic ski lodge to seven course gourmet dining in the VIP Room, is under the supervision of Chef Michel Cipolla. Cipolla formerly supervised the kitchens of the London Playboy Club and the Hotel de Paris in Monte Carlo. Five European-trained assistants are on his staff.

Four ski runs have been designed by Alexander McIlvaine, the man behind Squaw Valley, Calif. Playboy said Art Furrer, an internationally renowned ski instructor, has been appointed director of the ski school.

The resort also has had a snow

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

DATE: 3/8/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; \$3,000,000 of PLAYBOY  
CLUB CONSTRUCTION AT LAKE  
GENEVA, WISCONSIN,  
AR  
(OO: Milwaukee)

Reference is made to Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated February 17, 1968, requesting that Chicago attempt to identify MAURICE J. MC CARTHY, JR., the chief of security, Playboy Club, at Lake Geneva and [redacted] alleged to be close friends of MC CARTHY.

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Chicago indices reflect information that MAURICE J. MC CARTHY, JR. from Fontana, Wisconsin, in February, 1966, was a Chicago police officer assigned to the Cook County States Attorney's Investigative Staff and during the interview with him by Bureau agents, expressed his dislike for the hoodlum element and his desire to take the necessary measures to rid the Chicago area of same. Chicago referenced did not contain derogatory information concerning MC CARTHY. Chicago indices were negative concerning [redacted]

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On March 1, 1968, [redacted] Better Government Association, Chicago, and [redacted] and [redacted] the hoodlum squad in Chicago and [redacted] Cook County States Attorney's Office, Investigative Unit, advised as follows:

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When [redacted] States Attorney's Section in 1961, MC CARTHY was attached to same. MC CARTHY handled liaison with Illinois Bell Telephone Company and according to [redacted] did an excellent job. [redacted] has never had reason to question MC CARTHY's honesty and described him as an extremely out-going individual who was an excellent law enforcement officer. Since leaving the States Attorney's Office about [redacted] has remained somewhat close to MC CARTHY and has frequently

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been in contact with him. After leaving the States Attorney's Office, MC CARTHY went with the First National Bank of Chicago as investigator in the Security Department and was there about one year. He recently gave up that job to take the job as Security Chief at the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva which is near his home in Fontana,

[ ] stated MC CARTHY applied for the job primarily because of its nearness to his home and he was tired of commuting to Chicago. After making an application for the job MC CARTHY asked [ ] if he was possibly getting involved with the hoodlum element and asked [ ] if he, from his contacts and previous experience in the Bureau, knew anything about the hoodlum element being associated with the Playboy Club. He told [ ] he was not interested in getting involved with the Playboy Club if the hoodlum element was interested in same.

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[ ] stated he would not have the least hesitation in contacting and depending on him completely concerning any matter in which the Bureau might be investigating. In addition, [ ] felt MC CARTHY expects to be contacted for a position to assist law enforcement.

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On March 1, 1968, [ ] [ ] First National Bank of Chicago, and [ ] [ ] advised MC CARTHY came to the Security Unit of the First National Bank of Chicago approximately one year ago to assist in their investigation of credit card violations. He formerly had been associated with the Chicago Police Department and retired from the police department while attached to the Cook County States Attorney's Office. He resigned from his position at the First National Bank of Chicago on February 12, 1968, to become head of security at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club.

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[ ] stated MC CARTHY is generally referred to as "JACK" and appeared to be a capable employee. He described MC CARTHY as being the "real Chicago copper type." He was a very good organizer and was concerned with getting the right people to handle the job. MC CARTHY has a rough exterior, but in reality appeared to be extremely capable,

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[ ] stated MC CARTHY is a friend of "MAGGIE DALY", the Chicago newspaper columnist, and his name was included recently in her column as having taken over the head of security at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club.

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[ ] stated that in view of MC CARTHY living in Fontana, Wisconsin and since he has been a police officer

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he apparently has good contacts with the Sheriff's Office there. MC CARTHY indicated he made application for a position at the Playboy Club due to his dislike for commuting and felt he could handle the job.

On March 1, 1968, [redacted] [redacted] Marshall Field and Company, Chicago, and [redacted] advised he is well acquainted with MC CARTHY and that MC CARTHY formerly did moonlighting for Marshall Field while employed by the Chicago Police Department. MC CARTHY also worked at the Chicago Race Tracks and was a close friend of former Chicago Police Captain FRANK PAPE, who was known as a "killer cop" and who was formerly head of security at Arlington Race Track. [redacted] was aware that MC CARTHY had accepted the job as head of security at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club and took the job primarily because he was tired of commuting to Chicago from his home in Fontana, Wisconsin and thought he could handle the job there.

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[redacted] described MC CARTHY as being brash, rough, the cop type, however, he feels him to be completely honest and dedicated to his profession. [redacted] stated MC CARTHY formerly attended the University of Notre Dame for about two years and considered him to be of much higher caliber than the usual police officer. MC CARTHY does not have any children and is not in the need of finances. His wife is a nurse. [redacted] stated he did excellent jobs for Marshall Field and Company while working for them and he feels he would cooperate completely with the FBI and could be trusted without a doubt.

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Contact with sources at the Chicago Police Department failed to reflect pertinent information which would indicate MC CARTHY was a questionable character. No information was developed that [redacted] and [redacted] were associated with the Chicago Police Department.

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In view of information developed concerning MC CARTHY in regards to his character and ability, it would appear there should be little hesitation in contacting him and [redacted]. In addition, in view of the high regard had by him, with three [redacted] who continue their high esteem for the FBI, it would appear that individuals designated by MC CARTHY as assistance included [redacted] would be reliable.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Pertinent additional information concerning the Chicago hoodlum involvement in the Playboy Club will be furnished Milwaukee upon receipt of same during contact with informants.

SAC, CHICAGO (92-737)

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-142) (P)

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Re Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 3/8/68.

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Milwaukee will maintain contact with  
available sources on the subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (P)

SUBJECT: PLAYBOY CLUB - HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN  
AR  
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Chicago letters to Milwaukee dated  
3/8/68, and report of SA [redacted] dated  
3/29/68 at Milwaukee.

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Since submission of referenced letters,  
Chicago has not developed information from  
informants or sources concerning captioned club  
and the alleged hoodlum interest in same.

Concerning information set forth in  
referenced letter, concerning [redacted]

it is noted that [redacted]

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Upon receipt of pertinent information  
concerning captioned club, same will be sent to  
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# Fun and games begin as Lake Geneva Playboy Club opens

The \$10-million Playboy club-hotel at Lake Geneva opened over the weekend with proceeds from the two-day event — \$210 a couple — donated to the Wisconsin division of the American Cancer Society.

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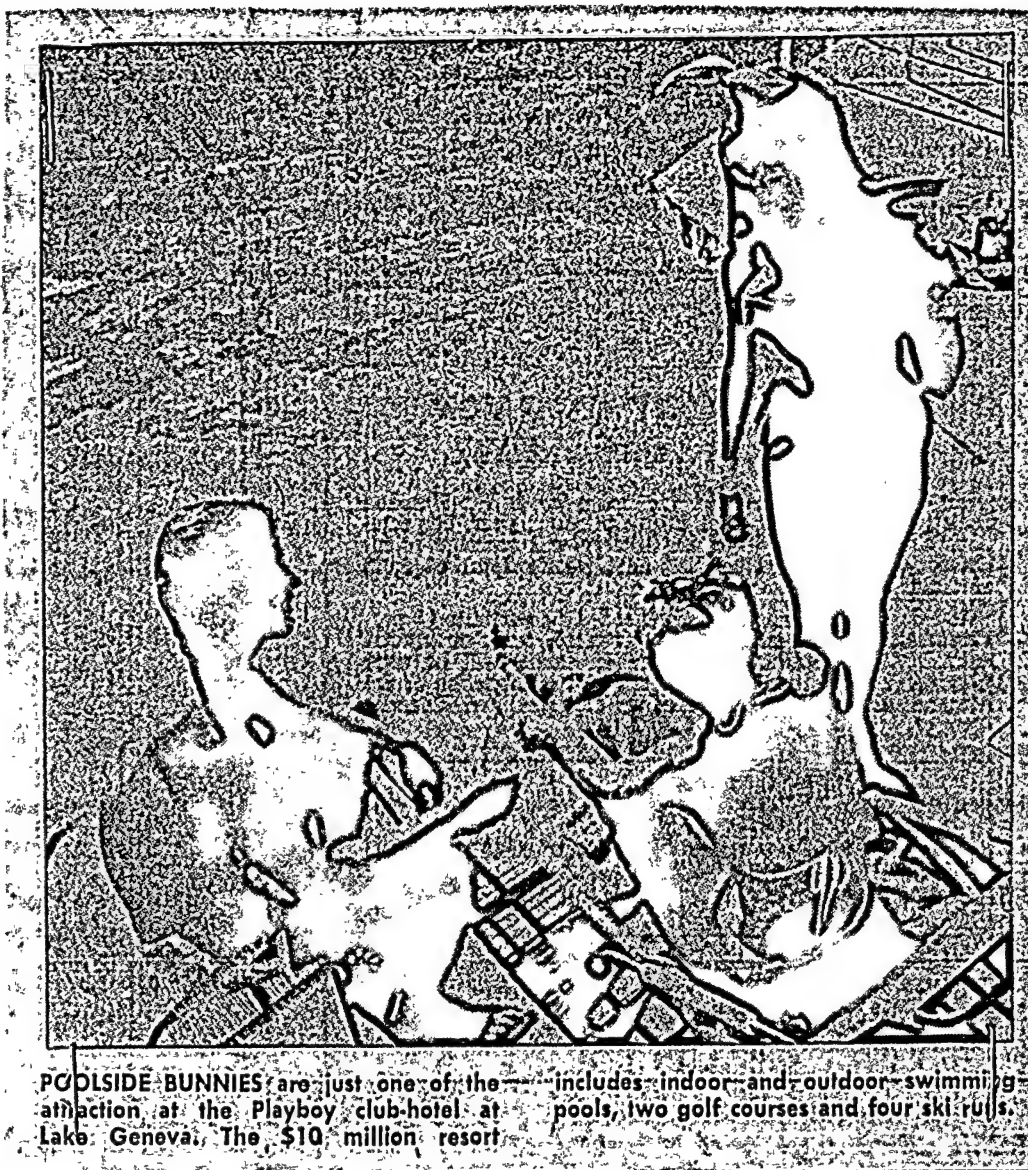
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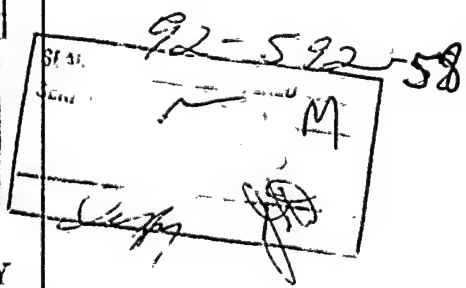
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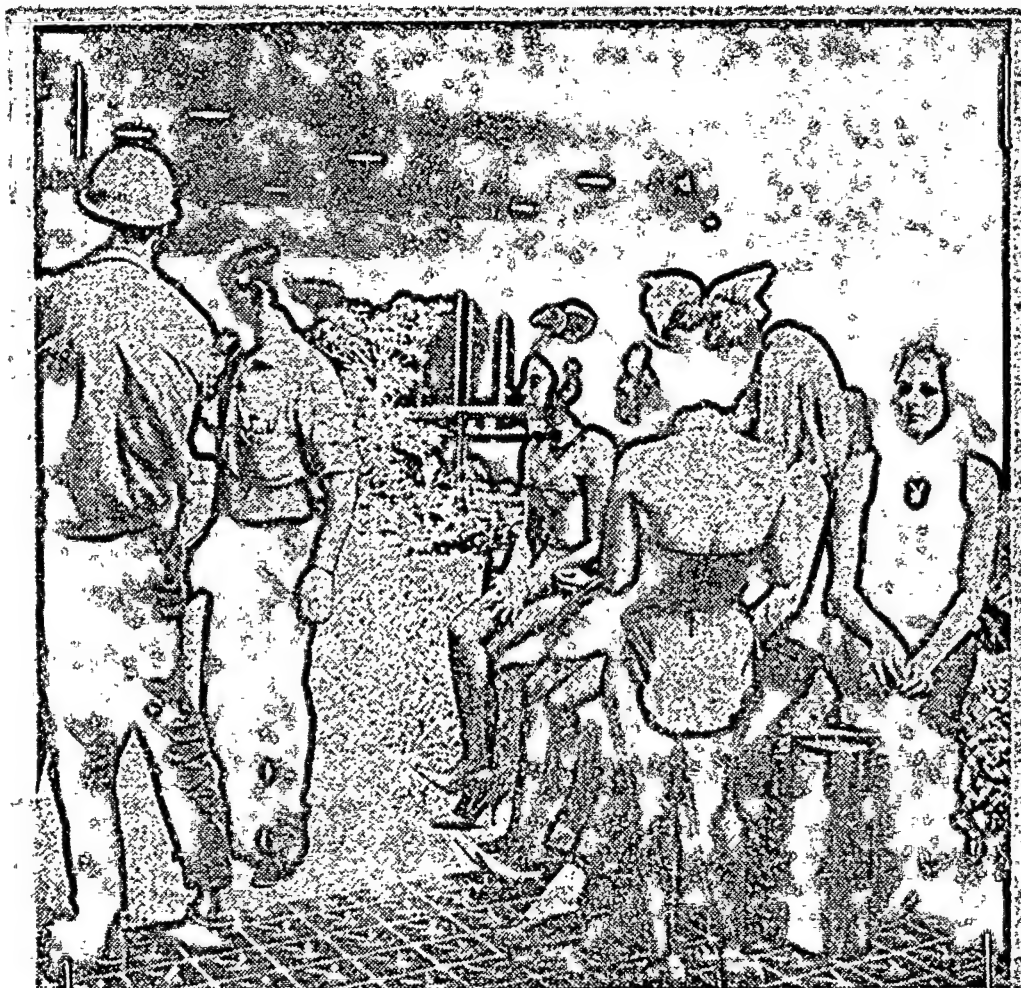
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But in fact what this place was all about was the horse-riding, the golfing and the sailing, gourmet dining and discotheque dancing, working out in the basement gymnasium, strolling around the birch trees and maples. It was only half-finished, but you could see what it was going to be — a haven for fresh-air fiends and healthy swingers.

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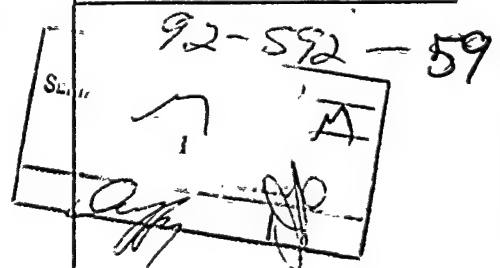
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Whether or not the benefit crowd, paying \$200 a couple to the American Cancer Society, really was ready for this kind of maturity and sophistication was hard to tell. They did look bemused.

They swarmed into the Bunny Hutch discotheque to watch the younger set frug it up. Some of the less-fuddy of the duddies jogged up and down with the accommodating, ever-smiling Bunnies.

It was left to Hefner and his entourage to show his guests how the place was to be enjoyed. In the middle of a thunderstorm, whipping up the artificial lake with such ludicrous melodrama that it seemed he had engineered the elements himself, Hefner could be seen elegantly cantering across his property on his lively Palomino, Goldie.

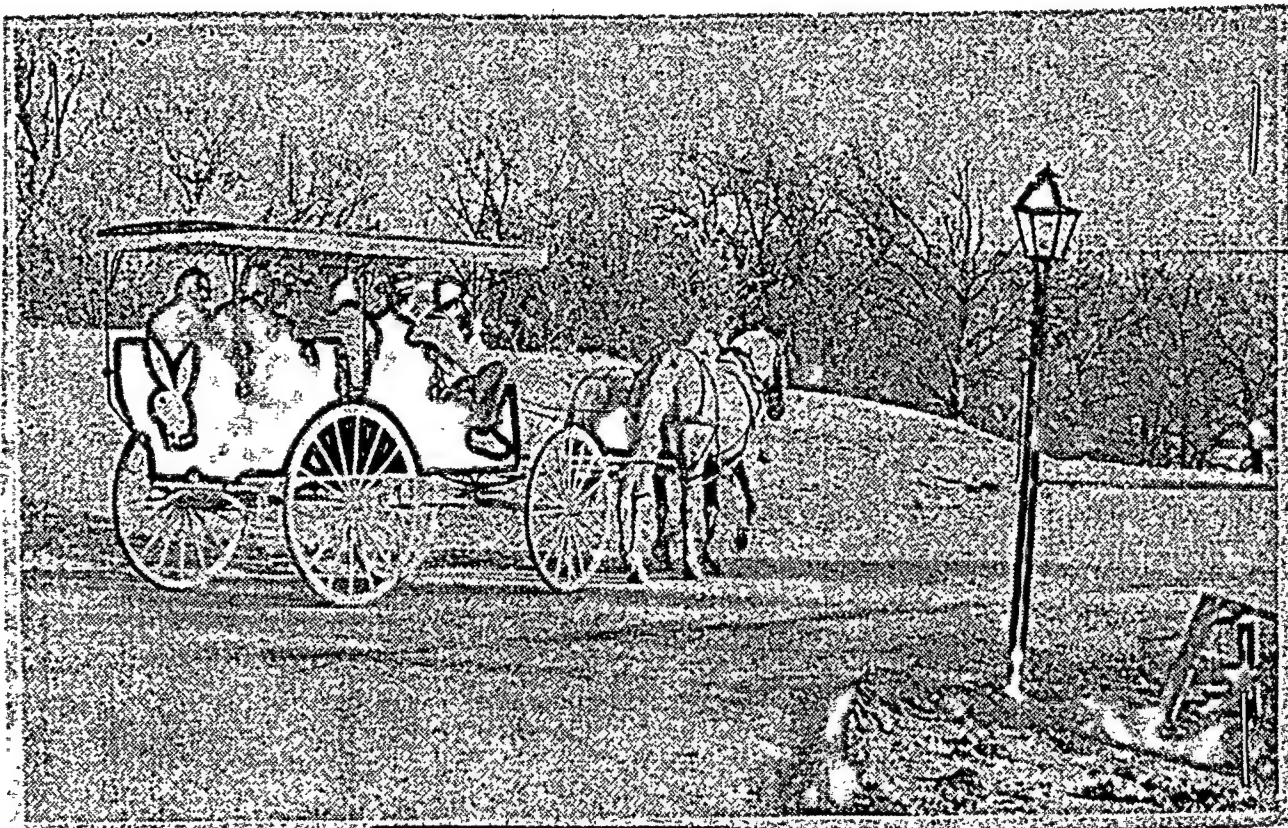
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Inevitably, since masterful promotion has always been a key element in the growth of Playboy's fortune, the opening was touched everywhere by the glint of ballyhoo. The needs of all those droves of press — earnest Japanese television men; pushy photographers from Kenosha; very important critics from Chicago — had to be lovingly attended to. It was vital that the Bunnies be carefully drilled for their public appearances.

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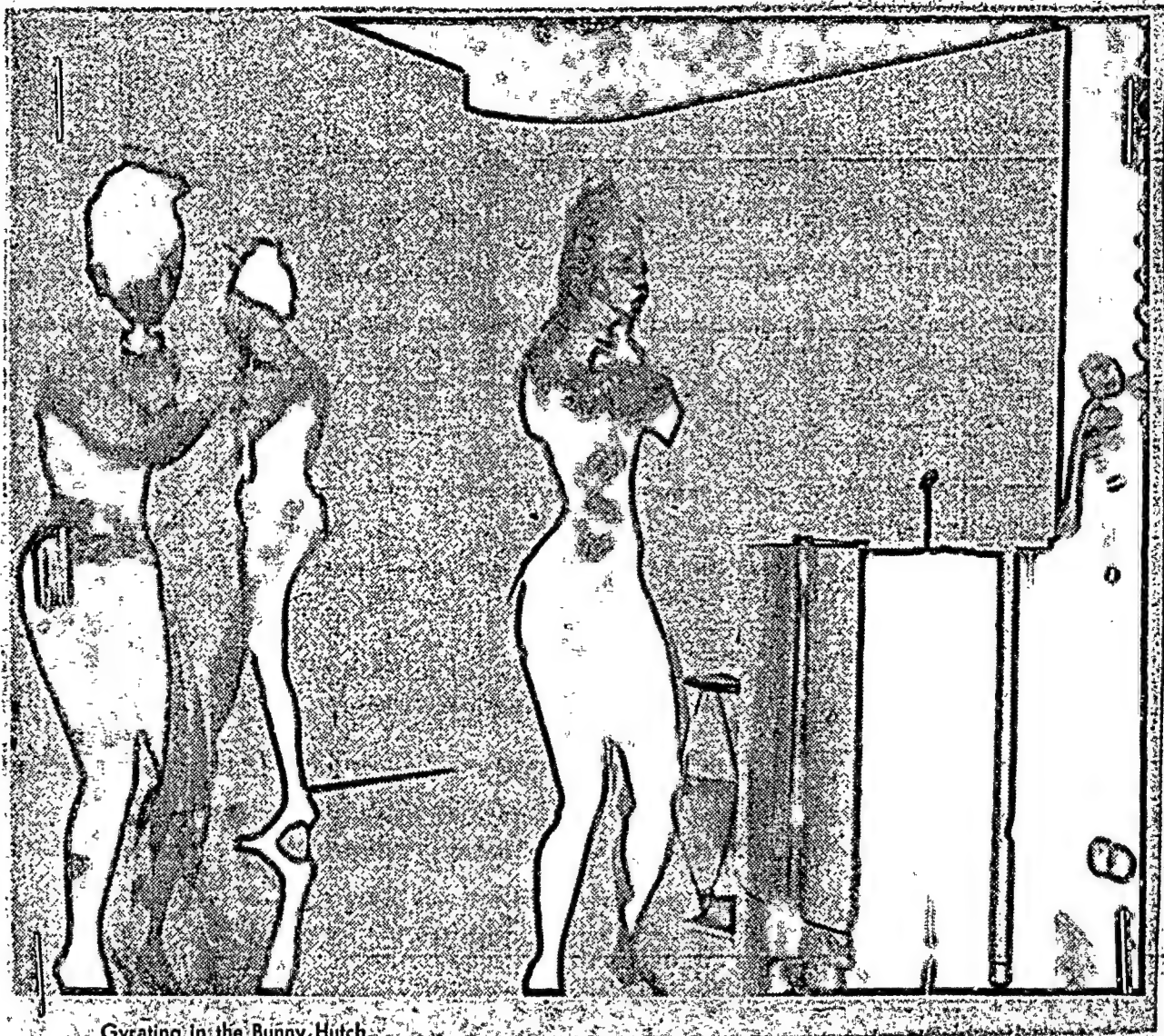
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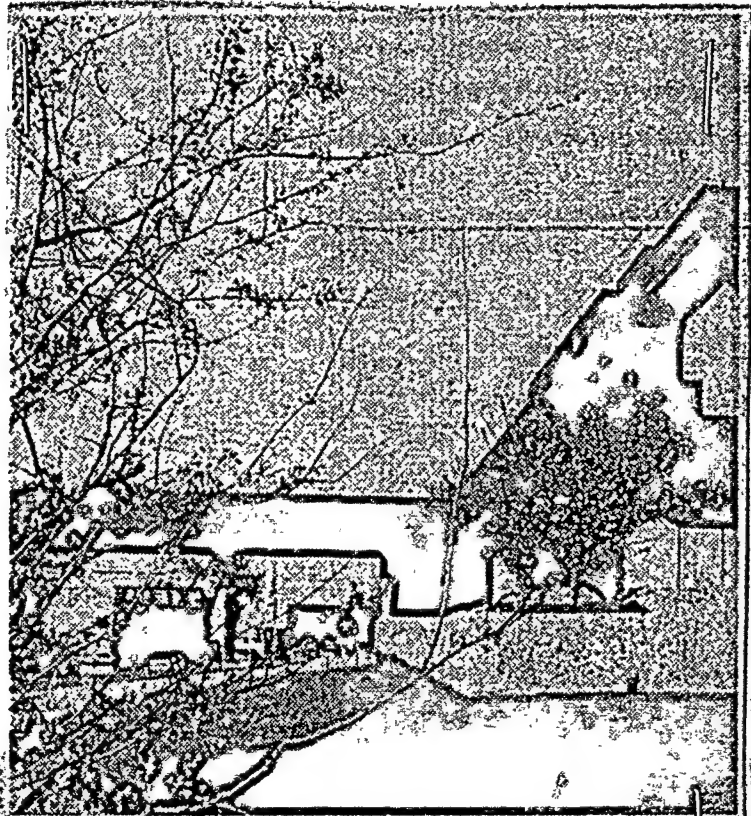


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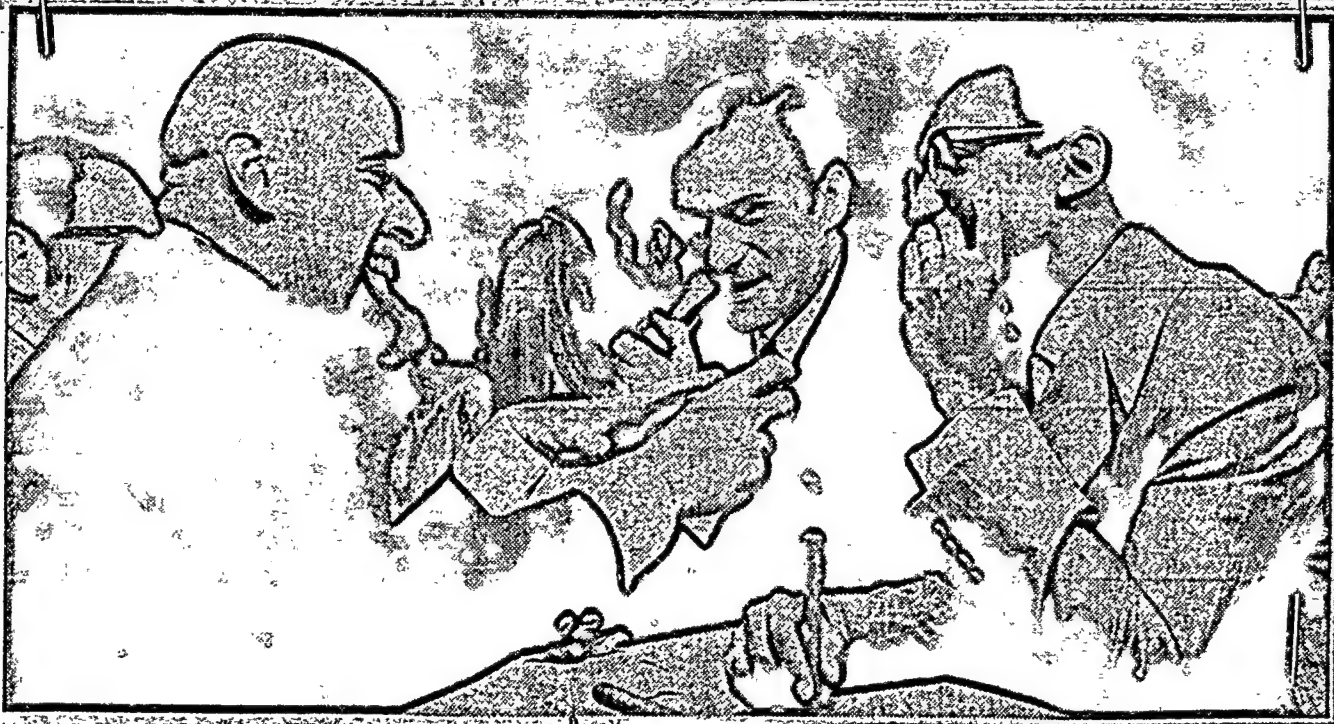


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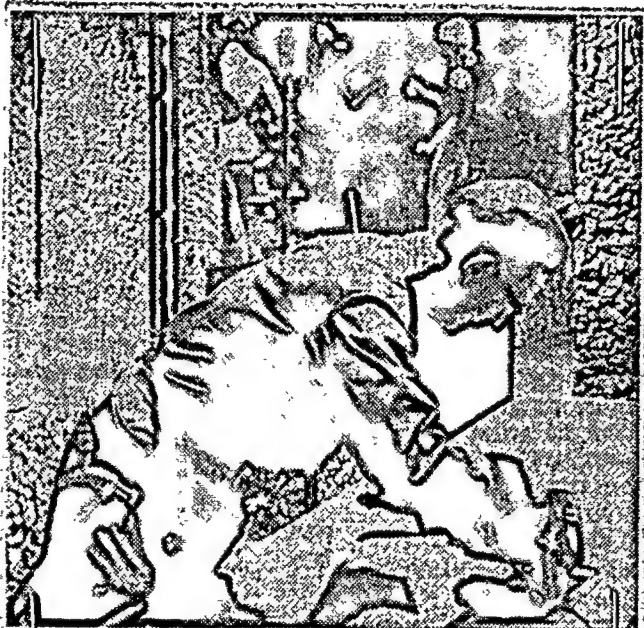




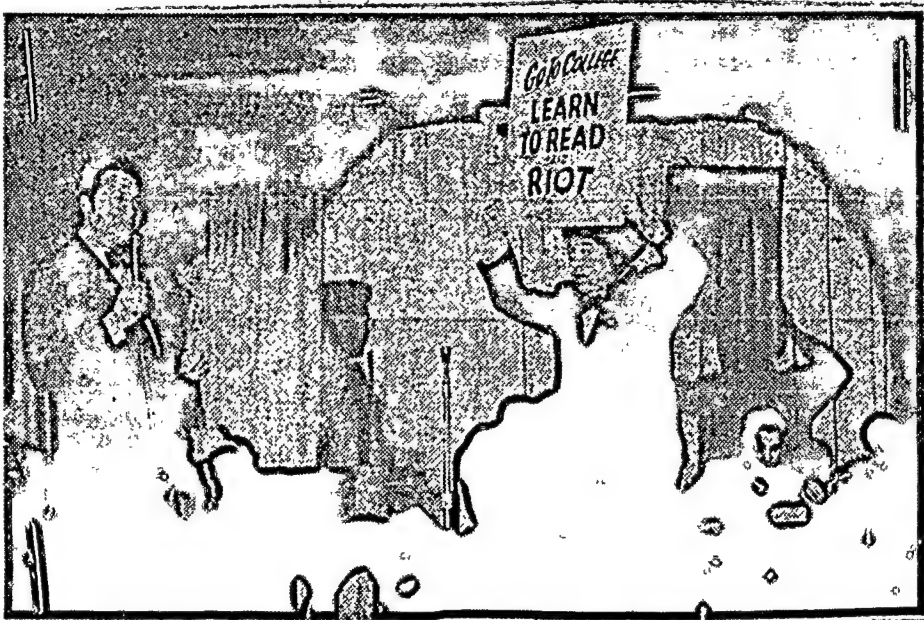
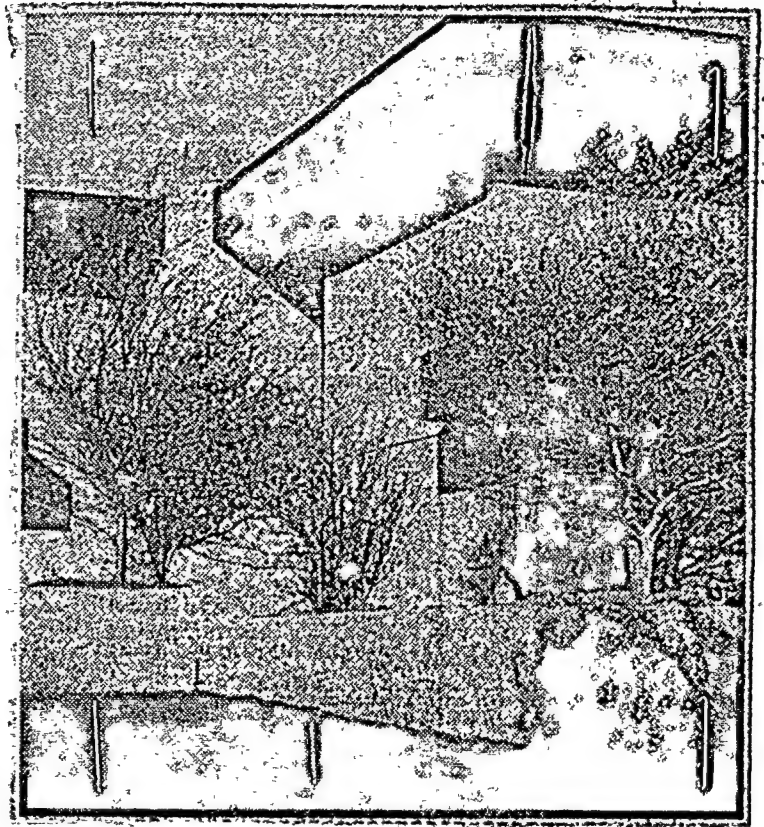
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Hey! Look! I'm dancing!

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Building businessmen with their pampered pot-bellies arrived in the lobby with a gleam in their eyes, chuckling expectantly, their silver-rinsed and rhinestoned wives smiling tolerantly three or four steps behind them. Sure enough, those Bunnies they'd heard about were there, large breasts, prominent buttocks and all. In the Playmate Bar, above the Cutty Sark and Jack Daniels, there were pictures of nice nude ladies. And not damn if there weren't even some of those round beds, right there in the guest rooms.

But in fact what this place was all about was the horse-riding, the golfing and the sailing, gourmet dining and discotheque-dancing, working out in the basement gymnasium, strolling around the birch trees and maples. It was only half-finished, but you could see what it was going to be — a haven for fresh-air fiends and healthy swingers.

AND THEN, CHILDREN. The brochures promised a children's zoo and pony rides and baby-sitting. Baby-sitting in a Playboy Club-Hotel. Now what has that got to do with orgies?

Returning from a tour of the 965 acres of grounds, a 50-

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SUN-TIMES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 5/6/68

Edition: CITY

Author:

Editor: EMMETT DEEMON

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Submitting Office: MILWAUKEE

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year-old Milwaukee insurance executive commented: "It's incredible. I mean it's beautiful, but somehow it's not quite what I expected. It's going to be so healthy."

THE BUNNIES and the Playmate pictures were just titillating hors d'oeuvres. The real meat of this hotel was obviously honest-to-goodness good living. The sexuality had been subdued, de-emphasized. As one of Playboy magazine's top editors put it, "We're emerging from our adolescence."

Whether or not the benefit crowd, paying \$200 a couple to the American Cancer Society, really was ready for this kind of maturity and sophistication was hard to tell. They did look bemused.

They swarmed into the Bunny Hutch discotheque to watch the younger set frug it up. Some of the less fuddy of the duddies jogged up and down with the accommodating, ever-smiling Bunnies.

It was left to Hefner and his entourage to show his guests how the place was to be enjoyed. In the middle of a thunderstorm, whipping up the artificial lake with such ludicrous melodrama that it seemed he had engineered the elements himself, Hefner could be seen elegantly cantering across his property on his lively Palomino, Goldie.

HEFNER PRESIDED over the whole affair with the benign goodwill of a proud, but slightly diffident new father. Around him, his girl-friend Mary and the stalwart swinging consultants of his empire.

Inevitably, since masterful promotion has always been a key element in the growth of Playboy's fortune, the opening was touched everywhere by the glint of ballyhoo. The needs of all those droves of press — earnest Japanese television men, pushy photographers from Kenosha, very important critics from Chicago — had to be lovingly attended to. It was vital that the Bunnies be carefully drilled for their public appearances.

"IF YOU GET A snag in your hose," a Playboy executive told the assembled girls, "be sure to turn that leg away from the cameras. Stand sideways or something. And don't smile too much."

You see, the decorum of the girls almost took precedence over their nubility.

Away from the riots and wars of America's working day, Playboy's new resort seems frighteningly, exhilaratingly unreal. It is one of those things that bewilders, infuriates and ultimately enchants foreigners confronted with the American dream. Hefner's particular achievement has been to believe and prove over and over again that the dream — of more people than his detractors would like to think possible — can be realized.

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On April 8, 1968, and May 24, 1968, MI T-11 had no information regarding hoodlum influence in the Playboy Club.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PLAYBOY CLUB - HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN  
AR  
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 4/25/68 and  
report of SA [redacted] dated 5/29/68 at Milwaukee.

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Chicago has not developed additional pertinent  
information regarding hoodlum interest in captioned club.  
Upon receipt of information concerning captioned matter  
and hoodlum interest or influence in same, the Office of  
Origin will be advised appropriately.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date  
June 27, 1968

Re  
PLAYBOY CLUB HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WIS.

Field File No. 92-592

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Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name 7-3 [redacted]

FBI No.  
Other No.

Aliases

Sex Race Birth Date Birthplace Residence

Height Weight Build Hair Eyes Complexion Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos.

Also Furnish:

- ☐ Photo  
☐ Fingerprints  
☐ Handwriting Specimens

Identification Division's Reply

- ☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

☒ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files

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PLAYBOY CLUB - HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN  
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Rerep of SA [ ] at Milwaukee dated 5/29/68. b6 b7C

On 7/5/68, [ ] Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Police Department. advised that an individual named [ ] has claimed he is a [ ] from [ ] who is supposedly working on some type of conspiracy regarding room rates between the Playboy Club and the Abbey Hotel, Fontana, Wisconsin.

[ ] said [ ] was recently involved in an accident and a check by his department revealed [ ] has an extensive traffic record in Illinois. He described [ ] as a [ ] date of birth [ ] and noted that he drives a 1968 Oldsmobile bearing Minnesota license [ ] b6 b7C

LEAD

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will check indices and conduct credit and criminal on [ ] b6 b7C

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>7/25/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/11 - 7/22/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>PLAYBOY CLUB-HOTEL LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>bkc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

## REFERENCES

Report of SA  at Milwaukee, 5/29/68;  
Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 6/11/68; and  
Milwaukee letter to Chicago, 7/8/68.

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## INFORMANTS

MI T-11 is

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MI T-18 is PCI  contacted  
by SA

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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MI T-19 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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On 6/26/68, [REDACTED]

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will report results of investigation concerning [REDACTED]

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AT LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Will maintain contact with sources.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 7/25/68

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File #: MI 92-592

Bureau File #: 92-9304

Title: PLAYBOY CLUB-HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Contact with sources continued and no information developed regarding hoodlum control or interest in the Playboy Club-Hotel, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. MI T-11 advised that ROSS PRIO and JOE DIVARCO, subjects of anti-racketeering investigations in the Chicago Division, visited the club over the July 4th weekend apparently on a social basis. On 7/5/68, PD, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, advised that one [REDACTED] [REDACTED] claimed to be a [REDACTED] allegedly working on some type of conspiracy regarding room rates between the Playboy Club and the Abbey Hotel, Fontana, Wisconsin.

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Details:

On June 11, 1968, the Chicago Division advised as follows:

Chicago has not developed additional pertinent information regarding hoodlum interest in captioned club.



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On June 13, 1968, MI T-18 advised he had no pertinent information regarding the Playboy Club other than that it has been full to capacity every night since its opening.

On June 26, 1968, MI T-19 advised he had no information regarding hoodlum influence at the Playboy Club.

On June 26, 1968, MI T-11 advised he had no pertinent information to furnish regarding the Playboy Club-Hotel.

On July 5, 1968, MI T-11 advised that ROSS PRIO and JOE DIVARCO, subjects of anti-racketeering investigations by the Chicago Division, were at the Playboy Club-Hotel with their families over the 4th of July weekend. MI T-11 advised he observed no pertinent activity on their part other than general use of the club's facilities.

On July 5, 1968, [redacted] Lake Geneva, Police Department. Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, advised that an individual named [redacted]

[redacted] has claimed he is a [redacted] from [redacted] who is supposedly working on some type of conspiracy regarding room rates between the Playboy Club and the Abbey Hotel, Fontana, Wisconsin.

[redacted] said [redacted] was recently involved in an accident and a check by his department revealed [redacted] has an extensive traffic record in Illinois. He described [redacted] as a [redacted] born [redacted] and noted that he drives a 1968 Oldsmobile bearing Minnesota License [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

FROM : *gm* SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102) (P)

SUBJECT: PLAYBOY CLUB HOTEL  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin  
AR

DATE: August 12, 1968

Re report of SA [ ] dated 7/25/68 at Milwaukee.

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[ ] is a [ ] in [ ] who has connections with the hoodlum element in [ ].

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[ ] is a subject in a Chicago origin case [ ] in which a "bag" was used to disseminate flash race results from a Florida race track to an outside man who then relayed the results to [ ] in Chicago, who used the information to "past post" a bookmaker.

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[ ] is a self-styled "electronics expert" and has been the subject of several allegations of wire tapping. He recently advised Assistant United States Attorney [ ] Organized Crime Unit, Chicago, that he [ ] had been offered a contract by unnamed hoodlums who wanted [ ] to tap [ ] phone. [ ] also advised Bureau Agents that he had been requested by FIORE BUCCIERI to record conversations between BUCCIERI and Agents investigating him. [ ] indicated that he was considering both offers, but wanted to be on record with the Government.

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The Chicago Division has recently investigated a large scale auto theft ring in which several of the stolen cars had Minnesota license plates and counterfeit Minnesota papers.

For the information of Minneapolis, [ ] has been seen recently at Lake Geneva, driving a 1968 Oldsmobile bearing Minnesota plate number [ ].

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### MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. Will ascertain identity of holder of license number [ ] and furnish both Milwaukee 92 [ ] and Chicago with all registration data available.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>PLAYBOY CLUB - HOTEL LAKE GENEVA, WIS.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>dsw</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

## References

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/25/68 at Milwaukee.  
Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 8/12/68.

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## Informants

MI T-11 is [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED].  
MI T-18 is PCI [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED].

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					None RECOVERIES	ACQUIT- TALS  None	CASE HAS BEEN:		
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS

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MI T-20 is PCI [redacted]

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] and  
SA [redacted]

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Administrative

By communication dated 8/12/68, Chicago Division  
advised as follows:

[redacted] is a subject in a Chicago origin  
case [redacted], in which a "bag" was used to disseminate  
flash race results from a Florida race track to an out-  
side man who then relayed the results to [redacted] in Chicago,  
who used the information to "past post" a bookmaker.

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[redacted] is a self-styled "electronics expert"  
and has been the subject of several allegations of wire  
tapping. He recently advised Assistant U. S. Attorney  
[redacted] Organized Crime Unit, Chicago,  
that he [redacted] had been offered a contract by unnamed  
hoodlums who wanted [redacted] to tap [redacted] phone.  
[redacted] also advised Bureau Agents that he had been  
requested by FIORE BUCCIARI to record conversations  
between BUCCIARI and Agents investigating him. [redacted]  
indicated he was considering both offers, but wanted to be  
on record with the Government.

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The Chicago Division has recently investigated  
a large-scale auto theft ring, in which several of the  
stolen cars had Minnesota license plates and counterfeit  
Minnesota papers.

Inasmuch as all logical investigation has been  
completed in this matter and that no information substantiating  
hoodlum influence or control of the Lake Geneva Playboy  
operation has been developed, this case is being placed in  
a Closed status by the Milwaukee Division.

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It is to be noted that several Chicago hoodlums have visited the Club as guests and in all possibility all other hoodlums will do likewise. However, there has been no indication they have exerted any type of control while there.

In the event information is developed in the future indicating hoodlum control, this matter will be reopened and appropriate communication submitted to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee (Registered Mail)

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: September 30, 1968

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File #: 92-592

Bureau File #: 92-9304

Title: PLAYBOY CLUB - HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Contact with sources continued and no information  
regarding hoodlum control in the Playboy Club -  
Hotel, Lake Geneva, Wis., developed.

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Details: The Chicago Division advised as follows:

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] in  
[REDACTED], who has connections with the hoodlum  
element in Chicago.

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On July 24, 1968, MI T-11 advised the name  
[REDACTED] was unknown to him and he knew of no  
connection this individual might have with the Playboy  
Club in Lake Geneva, Wis.

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Contact was continued with MI T-11 on August 16,  
1968, and September 26, 1968, regarding any information  
indicating hoodlum influence or connections with the Lake  
Geneva Playboy Club, with negative results.

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On July 31, 1968, and September 4, 1968, MI T-18 advised he had no information to indicate the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wis., was controlled by any hoodlums, either from Illinois or Wisconsin.

On September 4, 1968, MI T-20 was unable to furnish any information regarding hoodlum influence in the Lake Geneva, Wis., Playboy Club - Hotel, and advised to the best of his knowledge no such influence was exerted.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
September 30, 1968

Title

PLAYBOY CLUB - HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of  
Special Agent   
dated and captioned as above  
at Milwaukee.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



SAC, CHICAGO (92-2102)

9/30/68

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-563) (RUC)

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PLAYBOY CLUB HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN  
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Re Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 8/12/68.

Motor Vehicle Bureau records, St. Paul, Minnesota,  
revealed Minnesota license [redacted] is registered to [redacted]  
[redacted] No  
other information available in the above records.

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Minneapolis indices negative regarding above.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED</b>  [redacted] aka [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [redacted]	TYPED BY <b>dsw</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>UPUC</b>	

Title is marked Changed to reflect alias of subject, which name he allegedly works under in Chicago.

Reference

Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 10/8/68.

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Administrative

For the information of the Bureau, on 7/5/68, [redacted] Lake Geneva Police Department, Lake Geneva, Wis., advised that an individual named [redacted], has claimed he is a [redacted] from Chicago, who is supposedly working on some type of conspiracy regarding

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <b>None</b>						ACQUIT-TALS  <b>None</b>	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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room rates between the Playboy Club, Lake Geneva, Wis., and the Abbey Hotel, Fontana, Wis.

[redacted] said [redacted] was recently involved in an accident and a check by his department revealed [redacted] has an extensive traffic record in Illinois. He described [redacted] as a [redacted] born [redacted] and noted he drives a 1968 Oldsmobile, bearing Minnesota license [redacted].

By letter dated 8/12/68, the Chicago Division advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] in [redacted] who has connections with the hoodlum element in Chicago.

[redacted] is a subject in a Chicago origin case [redacted], in which a "bag" was used to disseminate flash race results from a Florida race track to an outside man who then relayed the results to [redacted] in Chicago, who used the information to "past post" a bookmaker.

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The Chicago Division has recently investigated a large scale auto theft ring in which several of the stolen cars had Minnesota license plates and counterfeit Minnesota papers.

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SA [REDACTED]

Office: Milwaukee

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Date:

October 11, 1968

Field Office File #:

[REDACTED]

Bureau File #:

Title:

[REDACTED]

Character:

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF  
COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:

The subject, a [REDACTED] reportedly from Chicago, Ill., working in the [REDACTED] area, has in his possession electronic equipment used to intercept oral communications. The equipment includes microphones, telephone "bugs," and tape recorders. Subject allegedly has good working relationship with Walworth County Sheriff.

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Details:

This investigation was predicated on receipt of a telephone call from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] on October 4, 1968, advising that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was employed as a [REDACTED] and had contacted him on September 24, 1968, at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated the subject had exhibited to him approximately \$8,000 worth of secretive listening devices, including microphones and telephone "bugs." The subject told [REDACTED] he was from Chicago, Ill., and was working in the [REDACTED] area, and would be staying for about three weeks at Tamarack Motel for about three weeks. He was also advised by [REDACTED] that

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only about half of his equipment was in the trunk of his car and apparently the remaining portion of the equipment was in the Lake Geneva area.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was driving an Oldsmobile 98, with Minnesota license [redacted]

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[redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

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Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Build  
Complexion  
Scars and marks  
Home address

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Vehicle

98 Oldsmobile with  
Minnesota license [redacted]

Occupation

[redacted]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/10/68

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] appeared in room 305, U. S. Post Office and Court House Building, and furnished the following information:

On about September 24, 1968, he received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as [redacted] a [redacted] who made inquiry as to the qualifications and procedures in obtaining a private investigator's license in the State of Wisconsin. [redacted] made an appointment to meet with [redacted] and had lunch with him around 12:30 PM at a tavern in Delavan, Wisconsin. After lunch they then traveled to Elkhorn, Wisconsin, where [redacted] exhibited six or eight cases containing electronic devices and tape recorders. [redacted] explained to [redacted] that this equipment was used in his work to intercept oral communications where such communications were made by telephone. [redacted] explained to [redacted] that some of these devices were used to connect to telephone instruments and lines inside a building and outside a building. [redacted] also explained that the tape recorders and other equipment used within the one case totaled approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000. [redacted] estimated that the value of the other equipment equaled approximately \$4,000. [redacted] could not describe or recall the brand names of any of the equipment. It was explained to [redacted] by [redacted] that he was currently working for an individual in Walworth County, Wisconsin, where he was using some of this equipment. His main purpose in contacting [redacted] was to set up contact and lay a foundation for possible use of [redacted] manpower in instances where [redacted] would need such additional assistance. From his conversations with [redacted] believed that [redacted] was working for a wealthy farmer in the [redacted] area, and concerned the possible theft and damage to livestock. [redacted] determined that [redacted] was staying at the Tamarac (phonetic) Hotel south of Lake Geneva on U. S. Highway 12.

On 10/3/68 at Madison, WisconsinFile # [redacted]by SA [redacted] /ake Date dictated 10/10/68

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The above electronic equipment was in the trunk of [redacted] 1968 Ninety-Eight Oldsmobile, four-door Sedan, which bore 1968 Minnesota License [redacted]. [redacted] explained that he does work all over the midwest, therefore, he does use Minnesota plates. This exhibition took place on a street behind the Walworth County Sheriff's Office. [redacted] believes that [redacted] has established a good working relationship with the Sheriff, ALEX JOHNSON, which possibly was established by [redacted] client.

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[redacted] has had no further contact with [redacted]. He determined that [redacted] works under the name of [redacted], phone [redacted].

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-592)

DATE: 12/15/69

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: PLAYBOY CLUB-HOTEL  
LAKE GENEVA, WIS.  
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As reflected in this file, extensive investigation regarding the club and its ownership failed to reveal any involvement on the part of the club with members of the hoodlum element.

In the past however, since the club has opened in Lake Geneva, members of the Chicago hoodlum element have visited it on occasion and it is entirely possible they will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Accordingly it is recommended this case be re-opened and designated a dead file in order to report any type of hoodlum activity, which is developed through appropriate sources at the club.

Appropriate contact will be made as soon as possible with established sources at the club, in order to advise them of the Bureau's interest and jurisdiction in the hoodlum field.

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